

Vienna: Only laundry in bags

VIENNA.—The baggage belonging to Hugo Muller, killed in a blast at Ben-Gurion Airport, contained nothing but soiled laundry during a pre-flight security check, a police spokesman said here yesterday.

He said Muller booked his flight only hours before its departure. "Our people remembered Muller very well, because they had a full hour to check the 18 passengers on the Tel Aviv flight," the police spokesman said.

"They told me when they opened his fibre-glass suitcase, it contained nothing but soiled laundry and toilet articles," he said.

All passengers flying to Israel have to undergo thorough security checks, including opening their baggage, the spokesman said. He said police were investigating how bombs or explosive materials could have passed through the checks undetected. (UPI)

Two killed in B-G airport suitcase blast

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT.—A suitcase containing a bomb exploded here yesterday afternoon, killing a woman security guard and an incoming male passenger who was carrying the case. Nine people were injured in the blast, all fairly lightly, except for another security guard, who was taken to hospital with severe burns and injuries to one eye.

A second suitcase accompanying the passenger, who arrived on an Austrian Airways flight from Vienna, was dragged to a demolition pit and exploded harmlessly. A third case belonging to the same tourist was exploded by the guards.

At 2:45 yesterday afternoon, a blond man, carrying a Dutch passport made out in the name of Hugo Muller, aroused the suspicion of the airport guards and one of them, Minko Ben-Israel, requested him to come to the small cubicle in the main incoming passengers' hall, where body searches are made.

She asked him to open his suitcase, and when he complied, it exploded, killing him and severely wounding her. She died on the way to hospital.

The force of the blast blew out most of the windows, raining shattered glass on people standing near. The glass wall dividing arrivals from those meeting them was smashed to smithereens.

A woman whose hair was set on fire by the flames rushed out of the checking room, shouting "what have you done to me?" A customs guard, David Mazar, threw himself on the girl, smothering the flames with his body.

Guards immediately began a check of incoming luggage, and took the two other suitcases made out in Muller's name to the security pit. The terminal building was cleared of people and armed guards began a search of the whole building.

Incoming and outgoing traffic was halted and the whole airport area was sealed off. Three incoming planes were allowed to land and the passengers processed in a small hall, but no flights were allowed to leave for three hours after the blast.

Immediately after the first explosion, ambulances and helicopters rushed to the airport to evacuate the wounded, who were taken to the Sheba Medical Centre and Assaf Harofeh hospital. A doctor at the Sheba centre said that all the wounded appeared to be Israelis.

The wounded still in hospital last night were: Avi Ginat, aged 25, Shoshana Shimon, Yafa Tumel and Elias Elias, 17. Those who were treated and released were Ilana Israel, 35, Meir Glick, 25, and Louisa Muttwasser, aged 30.

A policewoman, Orly Bar Gigi, told The Jerusalem Post that she was on duty at the hall when the bomb went off. "At first, I didn't believe that it could have been an explosion because as a policewoman I know this place is well guarded," she said. Suddenly, the whole hall was full of smoke and people were screaming. Immediately, police and guards began running into the entrance hall from all directions, she said.

Jerusalem Post Reporter Paul Kohn, who was at the airport seeing off friends gives this eyewitness account:

At 2:40 p.m. the airport terminal was not at its busiest. Yet several hundred travellers were waiting to have their baggage checked by security girls for their Air France trip to Hongkong or Lufthansa for Munich and Frankfurt and Austrian Airlines to Vienna. Many were clergy and pilgrim groups about to return home. Meanwhile at the arrivals terminal, incoming travellers (Continued on page 2, col. 3)

Allon to Waldheim: No deal with Syria

By ANAN SAFADI

OST Middle East Affairs Correspondent Foreign Minister Yigal Allon last night warned UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim against concluding a deal with Syria in return for ending the mandate of the UN Truce Supervision Organisation on the Golan, which expires next Sunday. Allon further said that Israel is reconsidering its approval of the extension of the mandate until Syria agreed to it unconditionally.

Allon was reported to have cabled a warning to Waldheim minutes before the latter set off from New York to Syria for what was described as negotiating Damascus' consent on the renewal of the mandate. Waldheim was scheduled to arrive in the Syrian capital late last night after a stopover in Paris. His departure coincided with reports at Syria was demanding to link a mandate's renewal with a Security Council pledge to recognize "national rights of the Palestinians" as well as to formulate a timetable for a Middle East settlement essentially dictating Israel's withdrawal to the pre-1967 war borders.

In an address to the 11th Congress of the International Centre for Research and Information on

Public Cooperative Economy at the Hilton Hotel in Jerusalem, Allon said that Waldheim was now seen likely to take certain steps which "may prove to be dangerous."

The Foreign Minister said that — with all due respect — he saw no reason for Waldheim's visit to Syria. "There is no reason for negotiating with Syria on a commitment which it undertook clearly in the (disengagement) agreement signed with us immediately after the (Yom Kippur) War," he declared.

"I am afraid that something bad would come out of this visit since the Secretary-General may commit himself to certain undertakings that are contrary to the agreement, or at least, which do not comply with it," he added. Allon said that Israel was ready to honour its obligations under the disengagement agreement "provided the same is done by Syria."

He added that Israel's "readiness will be operative, only if the extension of the mandate will comply with the agreement on a mutual basis." He further warned that Israel will determine its stand toward the UN mandate only when Waldheim leaves Damascus and make sure that he "has not committed either the UN or himself to any obligations that are contrary to the agreement or our interest."

Meanwhile, Syria's main negotiator with Waldheim, Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam, yesterday paid a lightning visit to Amman during which he conferred with King Hussein. Khaddam delivered a message from Syrian President Hafez Assad whom Waldheim will also meet.

No details were disclosed by Amman on the Syrian foreign minister's mission. Some observers last night said that Khaddam's trip to Amman was related to the Syrian manoeuvres over the extension of the Golan mandate, and the possibility that the two countries might be facing hitches over their union.

Other observers, however, expressed the belief that the Syrian minister's mission was linked with the Saudi Arabia-Kuwait efforts to reconcile Syrian-Egyptian differences over last September's Sinai interim agreement between Cairo and Jerusalem.

The Kuwaiti press yesterday reported that these efforts have so far failed due to Egypt's refusal to debate the Sinai settlement. The Egyptians were further reported to be pressing Syria to extend the Golan mandate before concluding an interim agreement similar to that in Sinai.

Rabin also issues warning

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Jerusalem Post Reporter Prime Minister Rabin cautioned UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim last night that he might find himself in difficulties with Israel if he gave in to Syrian demands regarding renewal of the UN mandate on the Golan Heights.

Rabin said Waldheim was displaying "too much nervousness and a much willingness to give in to Syrian extortion."

The Syrians, said Rabin, would use the mandate as long as it is in their interest and would use it as soon as it is no longer in their interest. Israel doesn't have to concede anything for their extending the mandate," Rabin told the Second European Conference for Israel Bonds in Jerusalem.

Israel's central problem in the coming year, said Rabin, was to increase its economic strength so as to be less dependent on American assistance and to seek more understanding from world Jewry of Israel's problems.

No guarantee for quiet in northern Israel

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Even if the UN force remains in the Golan this will not guarantee six months of quiet in the north, the Northern Command, Aluf Rafael Tan, told military correspondents during a tour of the border zone yesterday.

The Syrians are not likely to be inhibited by the disengagement agreement or by the presence of a UN force if they feel it is in their interests to attack Israel, Tan said. Although there has been no change in the Syrian army's defensive deployment on the line, they could easily attack from their present positions.

Eitan said that the Syrians also could instigate terrorist attacks on Israel from the Lebanese border. He warned of the possible consequences for Israel of the almost total concentration of Palestinian regular and irregular forces in Lebanon.

Asked about the Syrian-Jordanian alliance, Eitan said that Jordan as a result of the "point of no return," when they would automatically be involved in any Syrian military adventure. But it was difficult to evaluate exactly how far they are already committed and Israel had to regard the alliance with suspicion.

Eitan said that a great deal had

been done to strengthen the defences of the settlements along the northern borders and integrate them in the territorial defence system. In the case of sudden attack, the settlements would be the first line of defence and they had received all the training, fortification and modern arms they could use, giving them a greater feeling of security than they had had for years.

A spokesman for the UN Disengagement Observer Force told the correspondents that some Syrian civilian farmers had returned to villages in the UN separation zone. But he "did not know" if there were more now than there were six months ago, or if there were any civilians in Kuneitra.

An Israeli source had told the correspondents that there were no civilians in Kuneitra and that some houses were being renovated in two villages in the zone, but there were no civilians there. The Syrian failure to settle civilians in the area in the past two years has long been taken as an indication of their disinclination to reach a settlement by peaceful means.

Hussein: Big step made to unity

AMMAN.—King Hussein said yesterday Jordan and Syria have made great strides toward unity. "Jordan and Syria are one country, one people and one army," the king declared in an address to the nation marking the 30th anniversary of Jordan's independence and army day.

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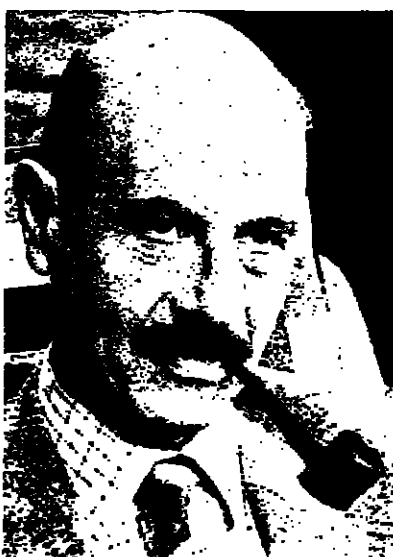
By SEAYÁ SHAPIRO

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter Prof. Yigael Yadin said last night he would consider entering politics only if he found enough support for his ideas on how to extricate the nation from its present impasse.

"People come to me and suggest that I head a political movement," Yadin said on Israel Television's "Moked" programme, "without asking me what ideas are." He said he would devote the next few months to telling people what he thinks.

Yadin rejected any comparison with France's Charles de Gaulle. "Every nation," he said, "has its special problems, which require their own solutions. Anyhow, I feel no call of destiny to save my country."

As one who wanted Israel to be "Jewish and democratic," Yadin wanted to come to peace terms with the Palestinians, even at a price of extensive territorial compromises. However, he objected to a third state being established between the Jordan River and the sea. He warned against flirting with Hussein: "I heard his speech today — he said Syria and Jordan are one — he



YIGAEL YADIN

was probably making the second fatal mistake of his life." Yadin said he admired Gush Emunim for their intensity, but felt that

no one should be able to force the Government to adopt ideas it did not want.

The main problem in Israel was internal — creating a generation which will build a healthy nation, capable of keeping the Jewish state going, just as "the task of my generation was to establish the Jewish state."

The Government, he said, consisted of good people — including the Prime Minister — who have performed great deeds in the past. However, the present system of government is disastrous, depending on so many parties, and a change in the electoral system is needed to save democracy.

Since the Prime Minister has failed to institute the reforms, he knows are needed, including the electoral reform promised in his party's platform, he should have resigned, Yadin said.

The Agranat Commission (of which Yadin was a member) "saved Israel democracy." It did not exacerbate the political leadership from its failures of the Yom Kippur War, but stated it was up to the electorate to judge it, Yadin said.

Mapam leaders to advise party to go to polls independently

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter Mapam leaders will today formally recommend that their party make preparations to run independently in the coming parliamentary elections, thus terminating an eight-year-old alignment with the Labour Party. But the final decision whether to run independently will be taken after the Labour Party's convention, expected in December.

The recommendation will be made at Mapam's Political Committee meeting in Tel Aviv and will be brought to the party's convention beginning June 9.

Over 30 per cent of Mapam's members have always opposed the Alignment and their ranks were strengthened recently. Most participants in party meetings in towns, particularly young people, advocated running independently, party sources said. Opinions in the Mapam-affiliated kibbutzim and among the party's veteran leadership were more varied.

Some party leaders said they were disappointed with the Alignment because of the little influence Mapam had on its partners. Knesset Member Chayka Grossman, one of the main advocates of a break, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday she wanted the voters to be able to support a clearly dovish policy. But Labour's policy did not provide for that because it had to reach a con-

sensus with nationally-minded hardliners.

Mapam advocated larger territorial concessions than envisaged in the Allon Plan. It also opposed settlement in the administered territories and claimed that Israel should agree to talk to any Palestinian group willing to recognize it. Labour has opposed these policies.

Grossman also complained that the party's credibility declined "because we're partners to a programme and activities which contradict our declarations."

Mapam leaders also complained there was not enough cooperation with Labour. The Alignment's executive and political committees, for example, have rarely met. But they acknowledged there was much cooperation in the Knesset and in the Histadrut.

Some veteran leaders including Meir Ya'ari and Ya'acov Hazan advocated continuation of the Alignment.

They said strong pressures on Israel are expected after the U.S. presidential elections and they wanted to be among the "in" group when major decisions are made. If Mapam were to leave the Alignment the hawks would have greater influence, MK Yehuda Yudin told The Post yesterday.

There were no formal contacts between Labour and Mapam since last Friday. But in informal meetings, Labour members cautioned

their Mapam colleagues against running independently in the elections.

If the two parties compete against each other they will sharpen their differences and Mapam may adopt extreme policies, it was argued. Apparently the message was that this may force Labour to seek moderate right-wing partners for a future coalition, rather than Mapam.

"I'm not sure we'll be able to go along with Mapam if it becomes extreme," MK Moshe Wertheimer, the Alignment's (Labour) whip said yesterday. "Relations between parties cannot be based on threats and dictations," he added. "If the dialogue is in the form of ultimatums (they) will achieve the opposite of what they are striving for," he added.

Our Haila Bureau adds: "After the very thorough discussions we have had with the Alignment, I definitely support Mapam's remaining in the Alignment," Mapam leader Ya'acov Hazan told The Post yesterday.

Answering reporters' questions, Hazan said he wanted Mapam to stay in because he felt it necessary to unite the Socialist-Zionist labour movement against the possibility of the right coming to power. "It would be a tragedy if only a united labour movement would be able to stand against such a possibility and start a campaign for peace, he believed."

Raymond Edde shot by fellow Christians

BEIRUT.

A prominent politician, Raymond Edde, was shot by fellow Christians yesterday as Lebanon's civil war continued to spread to new fronts.

Police said Edde, who was the defeated candidate in presidential elections three weeks ago, was shot in the leg by a gunman of the right-wing Phalange Party. The shooting took place at a Phalange roadblock near Byblos, in Edde's constituency in the Christian enclave 32 kms. north of Beirut. Police sources said a Phalangist gunman shot at Edde's car. A bodyguard with Edde was also wounded.

The Edde shooting came a day after a shootout between militant Phalangists and members of Edde's moderate National Block Party at Byblos. Eighteen were killed and yesterday morning Edde met with Phalangist chief Pierre Jemayel and Maronite Christian Patriarch Antonios Khreish in a reconciliation attempt. The shooting came after the meeting.

The Christian fighting was accompanied by a shootout on the Moslem side between Syrian-commanded forces and Lebanese leftists in the southern port of Sidon. Eleven were wounded.

The Sidon battle increased bitterness between Syrian forces which intervened in Lebanon to stop the fighting and the Moslem and Palestinian forces who want to keep attacking Christians until they accept major political changes. (AP)

Egypt to France: Hands off Lebanon

CAIRO. — Egypt indirectly told France yesterday to stay out of the Lebanese civil war and reiterated the need for Lebanese leaders to settle the crisis themselves.

"The hands must be lifted off Lebanon, be they Arab or foreign," President Sadat said. "Lebanese leaders must sit together and find a solution to their civil war." (AP)

Begin urges early election

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Likud leader Menachem Begin yesterday called for early elections to the Knesset in September to put an end to the uncertainty regarding Israel's attitude towards the fate of the territories.

Speaking at a press conference at Beit Agnon in Jerusalem, he said that the Likud Knesset faction yesterday tabled a draft bill in the Knesset calling for new elections on September 7. Normally the elections for the Ninth Knesset would be held in November 1977. Begin said that if the Likud bill was acted on by the beginning of July there would still be time for all the preparations for an early vote.

He said that the image of a weak and vacillating Israel Government which would easily cave in to pressure from abroad made it essential that a clear decision be taken on the issue of the future of the areas. He added that there were two schools of thought on the issue: those who believed that for reasons of historic national rights, security, interests, and the prospects for eventual peace with the Arabs, Is-

rael should never return the territories of Judea, Samaria and Gaza to alien hands; and those who believed exactly the opposite.

Since each claimed that a majority of the people supported its view, he thought the issue should be settled once and for all by going to the people. For this purpose, he said, it would be essential to concentrate the political forces in the country in a manner which would permit a clear verdict to be delivered by the electorate.

In reply to a question as to whether he would lead his party, Herut, in reversing its negative stand on electoral reform, in order to foster the possibility of obtaining such a clear cut decision at the polls, Begin said that he did not believe that the proposals for electoral reform would actually bring about such a result. He continued to support the right of many parties to exist and to compete for power, he said.

In response to another question as to whether he did not agree with critics who argued that his insistence in continuing as the Likud leader was a mistake, he said: (Continued on page 3, col. 7)

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Cuban troops to quit Angola — 200 per week

LONDON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger yesterday ordered an intelligence check on Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's statement he is pulling out combat troops from Angola in what diplomats said could be the first triumph of America's new Africa policy.

"If it turns out to be correct, we consider it a positive development, and we of course insist that all Cuban troops must be withdrawn from Angola and a partial withdrawal would not meet our requirements," Kissinger told reporters aboard his plane flying here from Luxembourg for a Central Treaty

Organization (CENTO) Council meeting.

The Secretary displayed caution over the Castro statement, made in a letter sent, according to U.S. officials, through the Russians to Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme and read in part to the Secretary during his weekend Stockholm visit.

A senior U.S. official aboard the Kissinger plane said it might take a month for U.S. intelligence to determine that Castro, as he promised in the Palme letter, is withdrawing some 200 troops a week from Angola. U.S. diplomats estimate Castro has some 13,000 to 15,000 soldiers in the former Portuguese African territory they overran with Soviet arms.

Diplomats said the reasons for Castro's action indicated initial success in President Ford's and Kissinger's stepped up drive for increased cooperation with black African states and the Administration's verbal attacks on Cuban-Soviet "adventurism" in Angola.

The senior U.S. official indicated that if all Cuban troops are withdrawn — and it would be mid-1977 for them all to go at a rate of

200 a week — Washington could consider granting diplomatic recognition to Angola's Marxist regime.

Kissinger himself, talking to newsmen in Luxembourg during a five-hour stopover on the way from Stockholm to London, expressed greater caution about what Castro's move might mean for U.S.-Cuban relations.

Another question mark under study by American diplomats was what part, if any, Russian played in the Castro action.

Palme, according to U.S. officials, told Kissinger the letter from Castro came via the Soviet Union. But U.S. officials said they simply did not know yet whether Russia, under diplomatic fire from Ford and Kissinger over Angola, did anything to push Castro into the announced troop withdrawal.

Kissinger, talking in Luxembourg, said specifically that pressure from the United States "together with African nations," contributed to Castro's action. In his letter to Palme, Castro said Cubans "are not going to become 20th century Crusaders."

This might relieve some concern over reports Cuban troops might be used against the white government in Rhodesia.

Kissinger was dividing his time in London between East-West, European, Middle East and African talks with Britain's new Prime Minister James Callaghan and Foreign Secretary Anthony Crosland and attending the CENTO meeting.

In Los Angeles, President Ford yesterday again criticized Congress for not approving his request for funds during the Angolan war and said "the minute that happened, the Soviet Union accelerated its involvement" with arms and Cuban troops were "moved in en masse." As a result, Ford said, the pro-Western forces were defeated.

"I think it was the worst mistake the Congress has done in a long long time because it has accelerated the radicalism in southern Africa," he declared.

He said he sent Kissinger to Africa to try to prevent a race war. "All this could have been avoided," he added, if Congress had provided the "minimum amount of money for Angola." (UPI)

The Diaspora Institute of Mount Zion takes great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mrs. David Cutler of Philadelphia, Pa. as Chairman of the Diaspora Institute's Beautification Committee.



Dr. S. Z. Kahana, Curator of Mount Zion, and Rabbi Dr. Mordecai Goldstein, Chancellor of the Diaspora Institute, presenting a scroll to Ruth Cutler in the Adam Lahn Cutler (7th) Garden

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Haifa	18-22	16-22
Tiberias	16-20	14-20
Nazareth	16-20	14-20
Afula	16-20	14-20
Shomron	16-20	14-20
Tel Aviv	22-26	20-26
B-G Airport	22-26	20-26
Jericho	16-20	14-20
Gaza	16-20	14-20
Beer Sheva	16-20	14-20
Elitzur	16-20	14-20
Tiran	16-20	14-20

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received the Foreign Minister of Honduras, Roberto Perdomo Paredes, and the Honduran Ambassador to Israel, Jose de la Cruz Hernandez Rosa, with their wives.

The President also received Israel's Ambassador to Haiti, Zvi Loker.

A reception for the participants in the International Olympic Committee Conference was held at Beit Hanesani yesterday.

Ahuf (Res.) Uzi Narkiss, Rabbi Dr. Moses Cyrus Weller, and Sheikh Yusuf Nassar-Din, chairman of the Druze Zionist Circle, will speak on subjects related to Jerusalem Day at the Vocal Newspaper at Beit Ha'am on Friday, May 28, at 8.45 p.m.

Agrexco's general manager, Moshe Shavit, will speak in Hebrew on "Agricultural Exports" at today's meeting of the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m.

South African Zionist Federation Luncheon Club, Thursday, May 27, at 1.00 p.m. at the Sinai Hotel, Rehov Trumpeldor, Tel Aviv. Speaker: Mordechai Ben-Porat, MK, chairman of the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC). Topic: The Jews in Arab Countries. Reservations essential. Tel. 03-290131. Luncheon IL22 per person.

The reception scheduled for the Italian National Day, June 2, at the Italian Ambassador's residence, has been cancelled in observance of mourning for the victims of that country's recent earthquake.

DEPARTURES

Leon Rutovich, national executive director of the Zionist Organization of America, to New York (by El Al).
Charlotte Stein, president, and Clara Left, building fund chairman of the Pioneer Women of the United States, to the U.S.

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New exemptions urged for air crews' families

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
Under pressure from the Minister of Transport, Gad Ya'acobi, the Finance Minister yesterday asked the Knesset Finance Committee to approve new exemptions from travel tax to the crews and families of air and shipping companies.

Rabinowitz asked for the following exemptions:

- The staff of airline and shipping companies who travel abroad for work purposes for more than three months should receive a full exemption, compared to a two-thirds exemption as now.
- Full exemption should be granted for crew members' families if the crew are abroad on Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur or Pesach.
- Widows and orphans of staff

members who died in wars should receive a two-thirds exemption from travel tax, alongside the free tickets they receive.

When the subject was brought before the committee yesterday, Moshe Arens strongly opposed the proposals, and Yehzekiel Flumin approved only of the first exemption.

Yisrael Kargman and Simha Ehrlich were in favour of the proposed exemptions. In light of the opposing views, decision was postponed. Treasury sources said yesterday that, if not for the pressure of Ya'acobi and El Al, they would not have proposed the changes. They estimate that the exemptions will cost about IL5m. to the State for the estimated 5,000 trips which would be exempt.

Free bus rides for soldiers from June 1

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Soldiers in career and regular service (not reserves) will be able to travel free on interurban buses as of June 1, the Knesset Economic Committee was told yesterday.

Ehud Shilo, Director-General of the Transport Ministry, told the committee that because of technical complications the new scheme might not go into operation on the first of the month on all lines, but a special effort would be made.

Egged would get a grant worth IL12.5m. for a trial six-month period calculated at 80 per cent of the actual fare, Shilo said. The soldiers would have to travel in uniform and show their army documents.

The Transport Ministry will conduct a regular series of statistical surveys to see how many soldiers actually travel, with a view to updating the sums to be paid to the bus cooperative.

Egged representatives told the Economic Committee that the IL12.5m. would not be adequate, since the co-op. would have to put on extra vehicles to cater to the increased passenger flow.

Fessah Grupper (Likud), who is the last of a series of MKs to propose free rides for soldiers, and whose motion for the agenda prompted the committee to discuss the issue, said the Transport Ministry dragged its heels too long. "Today I'm a happy man, though," he said.

Bereaved mother scores trip to Montreal

HAIFA. — The mother of one of the sportsmen killed in the terrorist attack at the Munich Olympics in 1972 has urged Education Minister Aharon Yadin not to send a delegation of bereaved parents to the Montreal games as planned.

Henrietta Marcus Weinberger, mother of the late Moshe Weinberger, said in a letter that she saw no reason to waste the taxpayers' money for a "pleasure trip" for the families to Montreal, especially since the Olympic Committee had not yet confirmed that there would be a memorial assembly at the games.

The families had received foreign currency compensation, she pointed out, and anyone who wished could go to Montreal on his own. The dead would be more fittingly honoured, she said, if Israeli sportsmen wore black arm bands during the games, and the Israeli flag displayed at the opening and closing ceremonies carried a mourning stripe as well.

State Cup football semi-finals today

TEL AVIV. — The two semi-final matches of the State Cup at soccer will be played at the Ramat Gan stadium this afternoon, with Tel Aviv Maccabi and Petah Tikva Hapoel playing at 5 p.m. and Kfar Sava Hapoel facing Jerusalem Betar at 7 p.m.

The cupholders are Kfar Sava Hapoel, who beat Jerusalem Betar 3-1 in the final last year.

90% turnout seen in Galilee village elections

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter
ACRE. — Yesterday's local council elections in five Arab and two Druse villages in Galilee went off quietly and in a relaxed atmosphere. The 13,400 voters were to elect local councils and council heads.

The 19 polling stations all opened on time at 7 a.m. and remained open until 11 p.m. Voting was exceptionally heavy, and by 9 p.m. some 90 per cent had cast their ballots.

In Deir el-Assad, the head of the Labour Party's Arab Department, Ra'anan Cohen, managed to persuade the two lists fielded by the Assad brothers to unite. At the last minute one of them, Ahmed, withdrew his list in favour of his elder brother, Jaber, thus increasing Labour's chances.

The largest village, Sakhnin, had many workers staying home to watch the voting, with crowds milling around the balloting stations most of the day. All the competing lists mobilized fleets of cars to bring voters to the polling booths. Rakah fielded nine lists for the council, but did not put up a candidate for council head, for reasons that are still not clear.

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MK FREEDMAN:

Arabs right to feel second-class citizens

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Member of Knesset yesterday admitted to a group of overseas visitors that those of Israel's Arabs who feel like second-class citizens "are sometimes justified in harbouring that feeling."

Addressing a group of "Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East" at the Knesset, MK Marcia Freedman of the Independent Socialist faction said the recent trend among Cabinet ministers to integrate local Arabs more fully into the mainstream of Israeli social life "comes, to my regret, very, very late."

"Nevertheless, I hope it is not yet too late to correct the wrongs that have been perpetrated on Israel's Arabs so far. These include certain official measures within the job of integrating our Arab minority into our national social life."

city students to participate in guard duty on the campuses and other blunders, such as neglecting to include a certain Arab village in the Education Ministry's social improvement scheme."

According to MK Freedman, "Israel's Arabs live with a heavy feeling of being second-class citizens, and they are sometimes justified in harbouring that feeling."

The real test of Israel's right to exist as a state in the Middle East, she said, will be the ability to maintain proper relations between Jews and Arabs, based upon mutual respect.

As for the chances of Israel surviving as a democratic country, she concluded, "We will have to live up to the principles stated in our Declaration of Independence, and we shall have to do a successful job of integrating our Arab minority into our national social life."

AVINERI TELLS ROTARIANS: No real change in new Soviet document

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Ministry Director-General Shlomo Avineri said last night that the Soviet Union's latest document on the Middle East, published on April 28, did not signal a change in that country's attitude toward Israel. It reflects the difficulties of Soviet diplomacy in the area and represents an attempt to adopt a softer tone — without, however, any meaningful change in the hostile stand taken ever since the Six Day War, he said.

Prof. Avineri was addressing the annual district conference of Israeli Rotary Clubs at the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem, attended by over 500 members and their wives from all the 39 clubs in the country.

While the document contains essentially nothing new, Prof. Avineri said, it is an attempt to entice the Soviet Union from the dead end into which it had manoeuvred itself. Russia has been pushed out of its position in Egypt, and also, to some extent, in Syria. She is no longer an active partner in the processes which are likely to effect changes in our area and lead to normalization, he said.

The document says that a settlement of the Arab-Israeli controversy along the lines advocated by the Soviet Union — retreat to the 1967 borders, international guarantees and establishment of a "Palestinian state" — "would ensure Israel's peace."

Lucien Harris, Governor of Rotary International District 199 (Israel), reviewed the work of Rotary clubs during the past year and welcomed to the conference West German Rotary leader Heinz Diether Korfmann and his wife Gisela, as well as a five-member delegation from Rotary District 707 (Ontario). He said that while Rotary takes no stand on political matters, there are no relations with the neighbouring district number 185, which includes Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan.

Expressing the hope for the eventual establishment of contact between Israeli and Arab Rotarians, he recalled that back in 1929 it was the Rotary Club of Cairo which sponsored the new Jerusalem club.

Mayor Teddy Kolek greeted the Rotarians and said that the world does not take enough notice of the positive work done in Israel, as typified by the cooperation within Rotary of Jews, Moslems, Christians and Bahais. The conference was chaired by Jerusalem district secretary Oded Elitachar, who also introduced the next Governor-elect, Shlomo Grofman of Holon.

Israeli hoopsters beat Turkey 78-67

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israel last night reaped its second success in the European Nations Cup basketball contest, beating Turkey 78-67 in their first leg at Yad Eliyahu.

Only a strong finish led by Tal Brody and Haiman Keren gave Israel its 11-point margin, after the Turks drew to within 4 points near the end of the game. Israel played far below its best form.

Half-time score was 49-37. The return game will be played in Ankara.

Georgians, Moroccans in settlement fete

KIRYAT MALACHI. — More than 500 Georgian immigrants from many of the country's southern settlements were participants in yesterday evening's celebrations in honour of this township's 25th anniversary, and in commemoration of the 100th year since the arrival of the first Georgian olim to this country.

Another of the country's settlements, Moshav Gadish in the Jezreel Valley, yesterday celebrated the 20th anniversary of its establishment by immigrants from Morocco.

Sleep-in at Ashdod plant

ASHDOD. — Workers at Ashdod Automotive Industries prepared last night to bed down at the plant, this time with blankets and warm clothes, while the management lodged a complaint against them with the police and asked for its intervention.

The 250 workers had locked themselves and members of the administrative staff inside the plant Monday, but opened the gates after a compromise which included withdrawal by management of a complaint to the police. However, most of them spent the night at the plant, allowing those who wished to leave.

Yesterday the management sent dismissal letters by mail to the 100 workers over whose severance pay the conflict flared up. It also renewed its complaint to the police, charging the works committee with illegal closure of the plant by force and damaging plant property.

Hatikva quiet, more riots threatened

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Hatikva Quarter was quiet yesterday as two suspects in Sunday night's rioting, Shimon Yehoshua and Albert Elimelech, were remanded in custody for seven days by the District Court. In all, nine persons were arrested in connection with Sunday's and Monday's violence in the quarter.

The rioting and pitched battles with police were over the city's intention to demolish illegally constructed warehouses in Rehov Netivot, belonging to Yitzhak and Moshe Harari.

Although the Harari brothers are expected to agree to the demolition of their illegal structure, it is more than likely that they will be prevented from doing so by others in the neighbourhood. As one resident said, "If the city can demolish the Harari place, they'll do the same to our homes eventually."

Kagan leads in chess tourney

Jerusalem Post Staff
HAIFA. — Shimon Kagan was leading at the end of the 12th round of the national chess championship at the Nof Hotel here last night.

Kagan, with 9½ points, was followed by Meir Rom (9), Nathan Birnboim (8), and Moshe Cherniak (7½) and one unfinished game.

The women's championship contenders played their seventh round last night, with Olga Podarjanskaya leading with 6 points and one undecided game after she beat Lea Nudelman, who had 6 points. Both women are immigrants from the Soviet Union.

In Monday's playing, Meir Rom returned to the lead he had held earlier, defeating Cherniak in the 11th round.

In the women's games on Monday, Lea Nudelman was leading with six points after six rounds. Podarjanskaya had five points and one game unfinished.

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Our beloved uncle,
Judge Dr. Yosef Michael Lamm
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The funeral will leave today, Wednesday, May 26, 1976, at 3 p.m. from the municipal funeral parlour at 5 Rehov Da'na, Tel Aviv, for the Nahalat Yitzhak Cemetery. Transport will be provided.
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RIVKA SAPIR (El Natan)
will be on Thursday, May 27, 1976, at the Har Hamenuhot cemetery, Jerusalem. We shall meet at the entrance to the cemetery at 3 p.m.
The date of the memorial service for Rivka Sapir will be given in a later announcement.
The Family

Our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, mother-in-law, sister-in-law and aunt
BRACHA SLOBODZIANSKI
née Erlichman of Krasnik, Poland
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Safad pupils retrace Ma'alot trip

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
MA'ALOT. — Pupils of the State Religious High School of Safad retraced the route of the students from their school who were victims of the terrorist attack here two years ago.
 Only 40 pupils participated, out of the 80 who were eligible, as the parents of some were afraid to permit their children to go. Parents and some of the students who had undergone training carried weapons. The group slept in the school where the attack took place.
 One of the armed escorts was Yishai Maimon, now a soldier. He was seriously wounded when he participated in the outing two years ago. Sixteen pupils were killed in that attack, and many more were wounded.
 Akiva Gross, principal of the school, said there was great "psychological value" in following the victims' route, as it served to alleviate the anxieties both students and parents have suffered since the attack.

Allon, Eban to meet Arabs

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
TIJNOSSAR. — Foreign Minister Tzvi Allon and Knesset Member Abba Eban will meet Arab leaders and intellectuals here today, in preparation for the debate to be held on Saturday at Beit Berl, on government policy vis-a-vis the Arab population. The meeting will take place after the reception this afternoon, which Allon holds here every year for Jewish and Arab leaders.
 Another such meeting on policy is scheduled to take place at the home of Abba Eban later this week. The meetings were arranged by the head of the Labour Party's Arab Department, Ra'anan Cohen.
 It has been learned, meanwhile, that the Haifa Municipality turned down a request for a dialogue initiated by the "Committee for the Protection of Arab Lands," which was to be held at Beit Ferman here. The decision was based on the contention that the discussion, with the intended participation of Jewish and Arab public figures, was of a political rather than a cultural nature.

Education plan to be expanded

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
 The Education Ministry's special enrichment programme, which now covers schools in 28 development towns, settlements and deprived areas in cities, will be expanded to include another 30 localities in the 1976/77 school year. The programme is financed through a special 11150m allocation in this year's budget, the ministry spokesman said yesterday.
 The new localities include the Morasha and Shmuel Hanavi quarters in Jerusalem; the Shapira quarter, Tel Kabir, Kiryat Shalem and Pardes Katz in the Tel Aviv area; Wadi Salib and Nether, near Haifa; the Dora and Sela quarters of Netanya; Rishon LeZion's Shikunei Hamizrah; Petah Tikva's She'ariya and Amishav; Rehovot's Kfar Gahriol and Zarnaga; Lydda's Ezer Dalet; Ashkelon's Hamizrah; Dimona's Indian quarter; Tiberias; Afula (the upper town) and two quarters in Acre.

Deckhands re-elect Levy

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
HAIFA. — Moshe Levy, the radical secretary of the Seamen's Union, deckhands division, won a resounding victory in the union elections, results of which were published last night. He and his colleagues took all the five places allocated to their division on the union council. The 10 outgoing delegates of the other two divisions, engine and catering staffs, were also re-elected.
 Levy was officially suspended from his post by the Histadrut, after he called a wildcat strike last year; but he remained in his post. His re-election puts the Histadrut in an embarrassing position.
 A total of 1,482 ratings on 78 ships voted in the elections, which took over two months to complete.

Carmiel workers take pay slash

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
CARMIEL. — Workers at the Model Baitan plant here for prefabricated housing received a pay cut of 10 per cent, as a result of the decision to take pay cuts in order to prevent the dismissal of 78 of their colleagues.
 The firm's 250 workers agreed to work and be paid for five days per week, with no overtime or other benefits, so that the 78 are not fired. The plant, which had been building four houses per day — or about 100 per month — until recently, has had a drastic reduction in orders.

Volunteer 350 days to IDF

Adults and high school students of the Eshkol Regional Council contributed 350 work days to the Army during the past year, helping to organize stores and equipment at various bases in the south. About half the time was given by high school students, with members of various settlements in the area supplying the other half. (Tim)

Debt stops hospital construction

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
HAIFA. — A construction company here has stopped work on a new wing of the Fleiman Hospital for Chronic Diseases in Ramot Remez, a project awaited by some 120 patients.
 The Bonar Company is protesting against the builders' failure to pay debts of nearly 111m, and has threatened to sue the city for that sum.
 About a year ago, then Mayor Yosef Almog signed an agreement with the Health Ministry under which the operation of the Rothchild and Fleiman Hospitals would become the ministry's responsibility, though pending construction would be completed by the city. The ministry has undertaken to finance the project, but has not transferred any funds on this account to the city recently. Mayor Yehoram Zelsel has appealed to the Health Minister to order the transfer of funds to be resumed.

Young artists honoured in Plem

Two pupils who won prizes in international art exhibitions yesterday received prizes and certificates in Jerusalem from Minister of Education and Culture Aharon Yadin.
 Tamar Goldman, a fifth grader from Kibbutz Yotvata, was a prize-winner at a Naples show which featured 5,000 entries. Shulamit Levin, a 12th grader from Jerusalem, won distinction at an exhibition in Seoul.
 A number of other students also received certificates of recognition for their art works.

'Probe country's mental homes'

JERUSALEM POST KNESSET REPORTER
 A suggestion that the country's hospitals for mental and chronically ill patients should be investigated by a special parliamentary committee of inquiry was broached this week by Gideon Patt (Likud), in a letter to the Knesset Speaker.
 Patt, who asked for an urgent plenum debate on the need for such a probe, said the private hospitals were in a lamentable state, and that patients there were hungry and neglected, though families often paid large sums for their upkeep.

'Anti-Jewish' film vanishes

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT
PARIS. — A senior Israeli diplomat arrived at the Cannes Film Festival yesterday to discover that a film described as "anti-Jewish" had disappeared.
 Avraham Giliadi, Consul-General in Marseilles, travelled to Cannes after film critic Arav Noif of "Davar" had denounced the Swiss film "In the Shadow of the Angels" as anti-Semitic.
 When he asked to see the film, Giliadi was told it was not a festival entry. It had been shown to a small audience at a cinema which runs pictures not competing in the festival.
 Giliadi was also told that the only copy of the film had been sent back to Switzerland.
 According to other critics at the festival, it would take a large measure of hyper-sensitivity to consider the film hostile to the Jewish People.

Show-cause order for Nabulsi

The father of an administrative prisoner from Nabulus yesterday secured from the High Court a show-cause order against the Defence Minister and the Judea and Samaria Military Governor.
 The order calls for an explanation of why the detention of the son, Zuhair Amira, should not be cancelled. Amira was sentenced to three years in prison for a security offence in May 1971. But at the end of that period, a one-year administrative detention order was issued against him. Although the detention period expired in May 1975, Amira is still in jail.
 Attorney Felicia Langer, who filed the petition, said past appeals by the father, Zaki Amira, had had no effect. (Tim)



After ending official talks with Bethlehem's Mayor Elias Freij yesterday, Defence Minister Shimon Peres chats with local residents at the Manger Square coffeehouse. Left of the minister is Aluf-Mishne Amnon Cohen of the Judea and Samaria Command, who acted as his interpreter. Behind him, to the right, is Neftali Levia, the Defence Ministry spokesman. Peres also visited Jericho, and conferred with its mayor, Aziz Samir. In both towns, he discussed the unrest in the West Bank, the towns' needs and aid requests, and requests for family reunions. (David Rubinger)

'El Al will get equal chance'

Final OK for charter flights from Ya'acobi

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
 Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi yesterday gave final approval to new plans for charter flights, as recommended by a joint committee of officials from the Transport and Tourism Ministries and from El Al.
 Charter flights from the U.S. West Coast will begin in October. In January, charter flights will begin from West Germany (except Frankfurt), mainly for U.S. and Canadian military personnel stationed in Europe, and for organized groups coming to Israel to attend conventions or congresses.
 Charter flights from anywhere in the world will be permitted, if the landing is to be made at Jerusalem. Except for tourists landing in Eilat or Jerusalem, all others will have to purchase a tour "package" of at least seven days in Israel, including the full charges for the stay in hotels every night, in order to qualify for the charter flight rate.
 All charter flights to and from Israel will have to be approved in advance by the Civil Aviation Authority, both to ensure security precautions and to check that all other requirements were met. The operators will also be checked for financial responsibility.
 Ya'acobi pledged that charter operators would give El Al an "equal chance" to offer its services as a carrier for the tour packages, the enable our national airline to benefit from the charter trade.

Rosen blasts critics of absorption procedures

BY AARON SITTNER
JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
 Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen yesterday warned against playing into anti-Zionist hands by implying that immigrant absorption here has failed.
 Charging that Likud MK Moshe Arens "sounds like 'Soviet-style Helms' (an anti-Zionist Yiddish magazine in the USSR)," Rosen asserted: "Mr. Arens says that a potential immigrant's decision on whether to settle here is based on the truth about absorption processes here. He says that the sharp drop in immigration from the Soviet Union is not due to a change in Soviet government policy but to unfavorable reports reaching Jews in the Soviet Union from relatives and friends who have already arrived here."
 Rosen said the truth was that the Soviet Union in 1975 issued only 14,000 exit visas to Jews, compared with 21,000 in 1974 and 33,000 a year earlier.
 Minister Rosen also assailed William Wexler, the veteran American Jewish leader who immigrated to Israel but has been voicing certain criticisms of the official absorption procedures. "Dr. Wexler has given a wicked interview to 'Ha'aretz' in which he makes sweeping, damaging attacks on the loyal corps of Absorption Ministry workers," Rosen stated.
 "Dr. Wexler may have been a prominent member of the American Jewish community. But what authority does he have, after being here less than a year and not even speaking Hebrew, to pass judgment about the success or failure of our absorption activities?"
 "According to our statistics, only a quarter, or at most a third, of all immigrants are dissatisfied. The rest are the silent majority who are apparently satisfied since they write no letters to newspapers and do not seek publicity," Rosen concluded.

'Soviet Jews harm aliya by choosing U.S.'

KIAMESHA LAKE, New York. — Soviet Jews who emigrate to America are jeopardizing the chances of thousands of others to go to Israel, according to the Israel Consul-General to the U.S.
 Emanuel Shimon, speaking on Monday at the B'nai B'rith Middle Atlantic Region's annual meeting, said that by failing to go to Israel, the emigrants are providing the Soviet government with an excuse to close its gates still further. In doing so, they are cutting off Israel's bloodstream, Shimon said.
 The forum was also told by William Korey, national director of the organization's international council, that the Soviets are "systematically outbidding Jews from their consulates" by eliminating all Jewish institutions, and are now excluding Jewish high school graduates from Soviet universities. (UPI)

Knesset extradition debate deferred till Zadok returns

JERUSALEM POST KNESSET REPORTER
 Tzviya Schwartz's extradition to the United States for his fire-bombing bid to call attention to the haven extended a top Croatian war criminal will not be discussed in the Knesset till Justice Minister Haim Zadok returns from overseas — probably next week.
 Four MKs had tabled urgent motions for the agenda protesting against the California authorities' request to extradite Schwartz — now a Bearsheba resident serving in the IDF. Schwartz jumped bail to come here after his arrest. He and an accomplice fire-bombed the car of John Artukovic, brother of Andreas Artukovic, a top Croatian Nazi sentenced to death in absentia by a Yugoslav court after World War Two for killing tens of thousands, on Eichmann's orders.
 When the U.S. Justice Department refused to send the Croat for trial in Yugoslavia, the grounds were that his war crimes were political.
 Attorney-General Aharon Barak told the four MKs that he would take no action on the extradition request if they deferred their motions till Zadok came back.
 Earlier it was expected that Premier Yitzhak Rabin would reply in

Moshe Shahal is acting speaker

The House Committee has selected MK Moshe Shahal to serve as acting speaker of the House during the absence of Speaker Yisrael Vashayahu, who earlier this week left for an official visit to Norway.
 Knesset observers noted that Shahal's selection also implies his being acting president, since the Speaker of the Knesset, by statute, is acting president of the State when the President is out of the country. President Ephraim Katzir is scheduled to leave for a visit to Britain later this month.

the Knesset tomorrow, as Acting Justice Minister. However, ministry officials preferred to leave the parliamentary aspect to Zadok rather than to Rabin, who is unversed in legal matters of this sort.
 U.S. diplomats in Tel Aviv who happened to visit the Knesset yesterday took the opportunity of chatting with MKs who are championing Schwartz's cause.

Hazan: Jews, Arabs could live with Jerusalem plan

BY YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
HAIFA. — Veteran Mapam leader Ya'acov Hazan yesterday revived his "Jerusalem plan" as a "solution" that Jews and Arabs could live with. He warned that if Israel did not take the initiative on Jerusalem, it would soon be on the defensive against "unpleasant" initiatives from Europe, America and probably the Vatican.
 Speaking to Technion students, Hazan said that a united Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, was "the indisputable" base of his plan. But, he said, the city would have a central municipal council, which could theoretically be headed by an elected Arab mayor.
 The council would deal with general development. In addition, there would be borough councils, based on population and not topography, some having Arab majorities with Arab councillors, and one with an Armenian administration. "They would enjoy absolute autonomy in social, cultural and educational matters."
 He noted that while under Mayor Teddy Kolek the Arabs already enjoyed self-rule, "it should be protected by law as a right and not depend on goodwill." He further proposed that the Arab citizens could choose either Israel or Jordanian citizenship, with the latter enjoying all rights except voting for the Knesset.
 Hazan asserted such an arrangement was possible because "either by miracle or history," Jerusalem has never been a political-secular centre for the Arabs as it is for the Jews, but one of religious importance only.
 As to religious administration, he proposed that all meaningful holy places be granted extra-territorial status, each administered by the religion that holds it holy. Israel would waive any right of interfering in their administration, and would retain responsibility only for law and order.
 The Temple Mount, under his plan, would be declared extra-territorial, under the control of the Supreme Moslem Council. Once this was worked out, Hazan said that "a spot might be marked and fenced off where Jews would be allowed to pray," but "no other changes would be made until the coming of the Messiah."
 Regarding the Old City, Hazan proposed that the civil administration be entrusted to a council composed of Jewish, Arab and Armenian representatives, according to their population; a religious council of Jews, Moslems and Christians, equally represented, would administer the holy places in it, each according to their tradition.

Scandinavians book space in Eilat for next winter

BY GEORGE LEONOF
JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
 Scandinavian travel agents are already placing reservations for the coming winter season in Eilat, in anticipation of a more than 50 per cent increase in charter traffic to the Red Sea port beginning in October.
 Tourism Ministry spokesman Micha Gidron yesterday reported that 11 weekly charter flights are already contracted out of Scandinavia for the period from October to April.
 Four of the flights will land directly in Eilat, instead of the two weekly arrivals last winter. The seven remaining flights will touch down at Ben-Gurion Airport, two more than the weekly average last winter.
 The flights will be coming from Stockholm, Göteborg, Copenhagen, Malmö and Helsinki.
 The number of Scandinavian travel agents featuring package tours to Israel is growing, Gidron said. This winter they will include one company which had hitherto specialized in pilgrimages to Spain and other European destinations.
 A group of Eilat hotel representatives left for various points in Scandinavia last week to sign contracts for the winter season.
 Interest is also rapidly growing in a number of European countries with regard to Red Sea skin-diving, holidays, the spokesman reported.

Ronald Steele here to set up youth tennis training programme

BY JACK LEON
JERUSALEM POST SPORTS REPORTER
TEL AVIV. — Former national tennis coach Ronald Steele arrived here over the weekend to set up the youth training programme at Ramat Hasharon's newly opened \$3m Israel Tennis Centre (ITC).
 Steele, 38, an Australian now coaching in Pennsylvania, will spend some four months at the centre, its executive director Ian Froman told The Jerusalem Post.
 Since completing a two-year contract with the Israel Lawn Tennis Association in mid-1972 — he was succeeded as national coach by Froman — Steele has kept in close contact with the local tennis scene and regularly coached top Israeli juniors visiting the U.S. on a voluntary basis. National junior squad members Arlosoroff, Gluckstein, Pini and Sherr recently spent eight months training in America under his supervision.
 Meanwhile, courses are already complex. Froman reported, and getting under way at the 12-court during the past fortnight 400 boys and girls have registered for training.
 Israeli women's champion Paula Peisachov, who was ranked No. 29 in the world in 1974, has joined the staff to help with both coaching and public relations duties at the centre. Another instructor is Steve Lippy, son of ITC vice-chairman Bill Lippy of Ohio, who has worked with Steele in Pennsylvania and is teaching here in a voluntary capacity. Several more coaches will be taken on shortly, and leading junior players are being asked to offer their services to the training programme.
 Steele will also supervise the four 10-day tennis clinics for juniors to be held at the ITC during the summer holidays, starting on July 4. The youngsters — there will be 40 in each course — will be based at Hakfar Hayarok, the nearby agricultural school. The tennis association has been running these clinics annually since 1962, until now mainly at the Wingate Institute.
 "Apart from greatly improving the overall standard of junior tennis in Israel, we hope that the training facilities now at our disposal for the first time will throw up new, raw talent with star potential," Froman stated.
 Until the school holidays, adults can use the centre daily from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on payment of a donation

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BEGIN

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 Likud's leader was the main factor in scaring off potential voters for the Likud, Begin said that his position of leadership derived from the support of his colleagues and he would act according to their desires.
 Stressing the importance of retaining the territories, Begin warned that any handing back of West Bank areas to an independent Arab state would result in the immediate introduction of Soviet artillery which would threaten every Israeli city and village.
 The territories must be annexed by Israel, he said. As to the Arab population there, he added, they should be offered the option of Israeli citizenship with full rights. For those who rejected Israeli citizenship there would still be full individual and communal rights. The Arab population would also be offered full cultural autonomy, and the problem of the remaining Palestinian refugees would be solved once and for all.
 He claimed that the Alignment opposition to the annexation of the territories due to its unwillingness to absorb such a large Arab population was misleading.
 Even the Mapam left wing of the Alignment spoke of retaining the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem and other territories included in their concept of minor border rectification. This meant that even the left insisted on including an additional 300,000 Arabs within the borders of Israel. The debate, thus, was over an issue of degree and not of kind.
 Begin agreed that it would be desirable for the parties constituting the Likud to unite fully into a unified party. But, he added, this could be achieved only through persuasion of the parties involved.
 "If we win the elections, and I believe we can," Begin declared, "I will recommend that we approach all the other parties, excepting the Communists, to set up a government of national unity."

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Riot police charge demonstrators in the centre of Athens yesterday. The demonstrators were striking to stop parliament pass a law banning politically motivated strikes. (UPI telephoto)

Athens a 'battlefield' as police, strikers clash

ATHENS. — Riot police and thousands of strikers battled in the centre of Athens yesterday, leaving one woman dead and at least 12 people injured.

The centre of Athens looked like a battlefield with tear gas smoke hanging over areas usually thronged by tourists.

The violence erupted when about 10,000 workers who had been on strike since Monday tried to march on parliament where a bill on trade unions was passed in principle, banning unofficial strikes and political strikes. Riot police supported by armoured cars, blocked all roads to the Parliament buildings. When the demonstrators refused to disperse, the police made baton charges and then used tear gas.

A police spokesman said eyewitnesses reported that the woman was killed when she was run over by a patrol car which was chasing demonstrators. Police said eight demonstrators and four police officers were injured, but reporters and other eyewitnesses saw at least 20 casualties, many of whom were taken to hospitals.

Several demonstrators were arrested and taken to security police headquarters for interrogation.

About 150,000 workers took part in the 48-hour strike, the first major industrial unrest in Greece since the restoration of democratic rule in July 1974.

Sadat: Zionism, racism pose threat to Africa

Cairo. — President Anwar Sadat said yesterday that racism and Zionism pose a double threat to the continent.

"Africa has realized the link between racism in Southern Africa and Zionism in Israel, and the danger which this represents to both ends of the continent," he said.

Addressing African ambassadors in Egypt and representatives of African liberation movements, Sadat pledged continued struggle for total African liberation, declaring that "Africans will not lay down arms until their entire continent has been liberated." Africa has become a stronghold of freedom, he added.

The President spoke at an Africa Day reception held in Alexandria to mark the 13th anniversary of the establishment of the Organization of African Unity.

Sadat singled out Rhodesia where African nationalist guerrillas have intensified operations against the white minority regime of Premier Ian Smith in recent months.

"We cannot tolerate the aggression against Zimbabwe (African name for Rhodesia)," he said.

"African peoples will collectively confront minority rule. There can be no security so long as part of our soil is the victim of occupation."

He appealed to rival Rhodesian nationalist factions to unite.

On Lebanon, Sadat again advocated a "hands off" policy by all outsiders, "be they Arab or foreign."

This was a reiteration of his opposition to Syrian military intervention in the civil war there and rejection of a French proposal to send peacekeeping troops.

Spain legalizes protest meetings

MADRID. — The Spanish Cortes (parliament) yesterday quickly approved the important first piece of the government's reform programme — a bill to expand the right of assembly and demonstration.

After only five hours of speeches and debate in the 561-member body, the vote was taken. Four deputies voted against the bill and 23 abstained.

Cortes president Torcuato Fernandez Miranda then declared the measure approved and banged his gavel to close the session. There was no count of affirmative votes.

Representing the government of King Juan Carlos at what he called the start of "a historic series of debates," Interior Minister Manuel Fraga Iribarne told the deputies that the new law would lead to a "freer and stronger Spain, more capable of facing the future than it is at present."

The new bill allowing lawful political assembly will go into effect as soon as it is signed by the King and printed in the official gazette.

Government sources foresaw little difficulty for the bill, which is less controversial than other scheduled reforms. But the quickness and one-sidedness of the vote still caught many Spaniards by surprise.

Fraga, who has said the Communist party will remain outlawed, spoke as three top leftist leaders prepared to leave prison on bail.

Fraga ordered the three, including the nation's top labour leader, Communist organizer Marcelino Camacho, arrested in March on the unusual charge of "attacking the nation's form of government."

(UPI, Reuters)

Several demonstrators were arrested and taken to security police headquarters for interrogation.

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'Law, not Jews, ousted Agnew'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — "New York Times" columnist William Safire, who wrote speeches for former Vice-President Spiro Agnew when he served in the Nixon administration, says the Agnew of 1970 "was neither anti-Zionist nor anti-Semitic."

In a column published on Monday, Safire, who is Jewish and pro-Israel, blasted the ousted Vice-President's recent spate of anti-Jewish statements complaining about the "Zionist lobby" and its "excessive influence in the Congress and media."

The writer speculated that Agnew may have become anti-Jewish because some Maryland Jewish businessmen turned State's evidence against him in 1973, on bribery charges. Agnew later pleaded no contest to the charges and resigned.

"It wasn't the 'national impact media' or any Zionist conspiracy that brought him down," Safire commented. "It was only the law."

Bonn acts to break Unctad deadlock on debts

NAIROBI. — West Germany, apparently under pressure from the U.S., yesterday moved to break the deadlock between rich and poor nations at the UN Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) here by modifying its hard-line approach to the main issues of commodities and Third World debt.

Egon Bahr, economic development minister, flew in from Bonn with a new set of proposals containing some concessions.

Conference sources said the West Germans are now willing to be more flexible in debt discussions. On the question of commodities, Bonn reportedly moved closer to a compromise plan proposed by France.

The new West German position, spelled out in private talks, rekindled hopes that the deadlock could be broken and significant progress made before the month-long meeting ends on Friday.

"The conference is now balanced on a knife edge," a top Western delegate said.

A top level panel of 35 industrialized, Communist and developing nations held an emergency session to break the deadlock and save the global conference of nearly 150 nations from failure.

The impasse centred on two major demands which form the cornerstone of Third World efforts to restructure the economy and give them a better deal.

These are establishment of a common fund to stabilize price fluctuations in 10 basic commodities such as coffee, tea and tin and rescheduling or cancellation of a staggering \$185b. in debts owed industrialized nations by poor countries.

West Germany had been considered the most intransigent industrialized nation in opposing these two points, but apparently softened its position following weekend talks between U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and German leaders. Kissinger had made it plain he wanted at least a limited amount of progress in Nairobi.



Richard Dunn is knocked down by Muhammad Ali in the fifth round of their title fight yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

Ali stops Dunn in fifth round

MUNICH. — Muhammad Ali, calling the round as it started with a gesture to the canvas, knocked out Richard Dunn in the fifth round of their world heavyweight championship fight yesterday after dropping the Englishman five times.

German referee Herbert Thomsen rushed toward Dunn to push him away after the British challenger reeled away from the ropes.

Ali redeemed himself after a contested victory over Jimmy Young last month by dominating the left-handed European champion, dancing and clowning, and punching with authority he had not shown since his fight with Joe Frazer.

Ali began the fifth round by pointing to the canvas, indicating that Dunn would fall by the end of the three minutes. But Dunn worked inside close to Ali, and Ali hung on his neck, catching his breath. Ali bore in, scoring with a left hook and then a right to Dunn's head and then with volleys with both hands.

Finally an overhead right dropped Dunn for a fourth time. He was up at seven, and then down again on a short right hook at 2:05 of the fifth round.

Dunn wobbled on his legs 'near his own corner, and the referee intervened, signalling that the fight was over.

Primaries puzzle Moscow press

MOSCOW. — The Soviet press, apparently concerned about the future of détente, has been following the current U.S. primary elections with more interest than it has shown in any campaign since 1964, when Barry Goldwater challenged Lyndon B. Johnson.

Unlike the intervening campaigns when the Russians picked no favourites, they are showing clear hostility to Republican challenger Ronald Reagan and to Democrats Henry Jackson and George Wallace — and have been trying to meet with Democratic front-runner Jimmy Carter.

On April 27, a Russian correspondent seemed to throw cold water on Carter's chances of getting the Democratic nomination. He wrote: "Already the leadership of the Democratic Party is trying to stop him because he does not belong to the Democratic elite, which has always nominated its representatives as presidential candidates."

But now, according to the former Georgia Governor, Soviet diplomats are trying to arrange a private meeting with him.

When Ronald Reagan's fortunes slipped in the early primaries, Soviet commentators were quick to dance on the political grave of the man they described as the "cold warrior." His resurgence is viewed here with surprise and expressions of alarm.

Unless U.S. elections are likely to have a major effect on Soviet-American relations, the traditional tendency is to stress the official line that a contest between two "bourgeois" parties isn't likely to change America. In 1972, the Soviet press predicted that Richard Nixon would beat Senator George McGovern, but did not announce a favourite candidate. The press also was even-handed when Nixon defeated Hubert Humphrey in 1968.

This year is more like 1964, when the Soviet press in mid-campaign charged that Goldwater's platform was directed "straight toward a global nuclear catastrophe."

The Soviets haven't made any choices yet, except to damn all those who say they don't trust détente. They speak warmly at the moment of Carter, however. "Izvestia" last week called Carter a man who understood détente, and dismissed complaints about his lack of national political experience.

As to other candidates and hopefuls:

- President Ford is being dragged by Reagan and others into the camp of the anti-détente forces, but if he wins the nomination will make a turnaround to a pro-détente course.
- Reagan represents "extreme conservatism" and "bellicose demagoguery."
- Henry Jackson is a systematic anti-Communist and firmly in the pocket of the defence establishment.
- Morris Udall is an unknown quantity. When he ran strongly against Carter in Michigan, "Izvestia" said only that he had a "relatively liberal programme."
- Vice-President Nelson A. Rockefeller, previously listed in the Soviet Union as the representative of the most powerful financial dynasty in the country, is under new attack as a "Cold Warrior" for speeches in favour of building up Western defences.

Jordan still undecided on Soviet arms

AMMAN. — Jordan has not yet decided whether to buy Soviet anti-aircraft missiles, its military chief said yesterday. General Sharif Deid Ben-Shaker said in a newspaper interview that the visit to Amman by the Soviet Air Force commander, Marshal Pavel Kuttachov, was "successful." (Sale of the missiles was the chief reason for the marshal's visit.)

"The Jordanian armed forces need a modern air defence system, and this should be secured," but the manufacturer supplying this system will be decided upon by the higher political command," he said. "But we army men consider any weapon placed in the hands of the Jordanian army whatever its origin, will become a Jordanian-Arab weapon."

Jordan turned to the Soviet Union for the possible purchase of an anti-aircraft missile defence system following differences with its traditional supplier, the U.S.

General Ben-Shaker said other Arab states should "offer Jordan more support, in order to make the Jordanian army efficient and able to use modern weapons to defend the Arab world from Israeli expansionist ambitions."

The main obstacle to Jordan's acquisition of such modern weapons is the lack of funds, he said. (AP)

Three fined for damaging Nazi's Cologne office

COLOGNE. — Three French Jewish activists were fined by a court here on Monday for having broken windows and caused damage to the offices where former Gestapo chief Kurt Lischka once worked. The three, Rabbi Daniel Farhi, Gertrude Drach and Elizabeth Hajdenberg, were given fines ranging from DM800 to DM4,000.

The magistrate said he did not doubt the authenticity of the documents shown to the court by the defendants which showed Lischka's responsibility in the mass deportation of Paris Jews to Nazi death camps. He added, however, that people are not allowed to take the law into their own hands.

Lischka served as Gestapo commander in German-occupied Paris. The demonstration, organized by Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld, was aimed against alleged official foot-dragging in West German court prosecutions of Lischka. (JTA)

GLANCE AT THE WORLD

Dutch to free Syrian terrorists

THE HAGUE. — Four Syrian terrorists serving jail sentences for a plot to hijack the Warsaw-Amsterdam express will be released soon for good behaviour and expelled from Holland, a Justice Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Amin Selamih, 34, Abdullah Ataya, 32, Abdul Satar Ammar, 24, and Josef Azar, 27 were arrested on September 4 and convicted and each sentenced to a year in prison by an Amsterdam court on October 22 on charges of illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

The group admitted at their trial they planned to hijack the Warsaw-Amsterdam express and force Dutch Premier Joop Den Uyl to make a pro-Palestinian statement on television. (UPI)

Japanese PM resists pressure to resign

TOKYO. — Prime Minister Takeo Miki, facing pressure within his own political party to resign, said yesterday he would not step down until he completed a thorough investigation of alleged payoffs in Japan by the Lockheed Aircraft Corp.

Miki's critics in the ruling Liberal-Democratic Party charge that he has lacked leadership in dealing with the Lockheed case, failed to consult sufficiently with the party on key issues and made no headway in reforming the party.

Miki said in a speech to the federation of economic organizations, "Changes in political leadership now are impossible unless I give up my responsibilities...to regain the people's trust in politics by thoroughly investigating the Lockheed scandal." (AP)

Poll shows W. Germans anti-Semitic

STUTTGART. — Every second West German harbours an adverse opinion about the less than 30,000 Jews left in this country, a scientific survey disclosed yesterday.

Compiled by the sociological department of Cologne University headed by Jewish professor Alphonse Silbermann, the public opinion poll of 2,084 persons over age 16 showed that 15 to 20 per cent of those asked have "distinct anti-Semitic prejudices of different kinds," and another 30 per cent "latent anti-Semitic prejudices which can be aroused to violence at any time."

Ordered by the German Research Society and published by the Stuttgart science magazine "Bild der Wissenschaft," the survey disclosed that the reason for this anti-Semitism was "a shocking lack of information," with the worst prejudices among "farmers in southern areas" and the least among clerics and business people. (AP)

New labour unrest strikes Italy

ROME. — Airline pilots, bus drivers and bank workers staged strikes yesterday as a new wave of labour agitation in public services hit Italy.

The Italian pilots union, Anpac, began a 48-hour strike on Monday night. In other disputes, bus drivers throughout the country called a three-hour strike while bank workers announced a five-hour walkout, effectively shutting down banks for the day. (AP)

8 guerrillas killed in Rhodesia

SALISBURY. — Security forces have killed another eight black nationalist guerrillas in Rhodesia's sharply escalating war along the 1,000 km. border with Mozambique, it was announced yesterday.

A security force headquarters statement said three African civilians were killed by the Mozambique-based insurgents. (AP)

First Aborigine governor Down Under

SYDNEY. — Hours after the appointment of Sir Douglas Nicholls as Australia's first Aborigine governor was announced, the governor-designate called a television interviewer "a racist" and ordered him out.

The interviewer had asked Lady Nicholls how she felt about the prospect of controversy over her husband being named Queen Elizabeth II's representative in South Australia State.

"You're the worst interviewer I've ever come across. You're a racist," Sir Douglas said, telling the interviewer to get out. (AP)

Opec states 'agreed on upping oil price'

CARACAS. — There is a total consensus in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries favouring an increase in crude oil prices, Deputy Mines Minister Herman Anzola said yesterday.

Anzola said that reports received by the ministry from OPEC indicated that the 13-member oil cartel will increase the price of oil, which has been frozen since last October 1 at \$11.51 a barrel. (UPI)

David Fink Home Opens New Horizons for Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh

Mr. Bernard Hochstein inducted as Chairman of International Board of Friends

With the laying of the cornerstone of the David Fink Home, a new era began for Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh. This was announced by Rosh Hayeshiva, Rabbi Chaim Y. Goldvicht at the ceremonies in which he paid tribute to the Fink and Hochstein Families who have been devoted supporters of the Yeshiva for many years, and whose efforts have now culminated in the construction by Mrs. Fink of the funds for a new building in memory of her late husband, Mr. David Fink.

The new quarters would serve to house faculty members, who will cater to the needs of the ever increasing student body. Starting with a mere handful of boys 25 years ago, the Yeshiva now numbers hundreds of students, Kollel scholars and Roshes Yeshiva, but without the new quarters further expansion would have been restricted. It was due to the devotion and foresight of the Fink and Hochstein families that the new era of expansion could begin.



Foreground from left to right: Mr. Bernard Hochstein, Minister of Religious Affairs Dr. Yitzhak Raphael, Mrs. Jenny Fink (speaking), Rosh Hayeshiva Rabbi C.Y. Goldvicht, Mrs. Hochstein and Director Mr. Eli Klein.



Mr. Bernard Hochstein addressing the guests and students

Guest speaker was the Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Yitzhak Raphael, who paid unstinting praise to the Heider Yeshivot. They had cultivated the new type of Yeshiva student who served both Tora and Medinat Yisrael with equal, unstinting devotion. By initiating this type of Yeshiva, Kerem B'Yavneh, headed by Rabbi Goldvicht, had opened a new era in the life of Israel. He, as Minister of Religious Affairs, had taken as his goal the obtaining of the same support and recognition for Yeshivot as for all other institutions of higher learning, and Kerem B'Yavneh was certainly among them.

The cornerstone laying took place in the presence of the Roshes Yeshiva, the student body and the guests and friends of the Fink and Hochstein Families. After the signing, insertion and covering of the foundation scroll, Mrs. Fink expressed her satisfaction at being able to participate in the great endeavour of the Yeshiva. The Yeshiva's Director, Mr. Eli Klein, presented Mrs. Fink with a plaque commemorating the occasion and expressing the appreciation of the Yeshiva for her dedication to Israel and unfailing support of the institution.

At the ceremonies, Mr. Bernard Hochstein, son-in-law of Mrs. Fink, was formally inducted as Chairman of the International Board of Friends. He graciously accepted the honour, reaffirming the entire family's dedication to the Yeshiva.

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THOUGH ABSURD to some, most people found Evelyn Waugh rather formidable.

John Freeman, the Grand Inquisitor of British TV, once took on the old warhorse. "How is it, Mr. Waugh," he asked, "that with your strong views on the right to privacy you consent to appear on the programme in the view of millions?"

"For the same reason that you do," Waugh replied sweetly. "I need the money."

Now this is an example of invective at its best — characterised by imagination, politeness and what Swinburne called "language of the strictest reserve." What it amounts to is swearing in an offensively inoffensive manner.

A century earlier, the Rev. Sydney Smith used the same technique on a young man who had told him, "If I had a son who was an idiot I would make him a parson."

"Your father was of a different opinion," was Smith's rejoinder.

ONE OF THE most skilful practitioners of this ancient craft was F.E. Smith. While still an unknown barrister (he was destined to become Lord Chancellor) Smith was accused by a judge of being extremely rude.

"As a matter of fact," F.E. replied, easily, "we both are; but I am trying to be and you cannot help it."

"What," the exasperated judge demanded, "do you suppose I am on the bench for, Mr. Smith?"

"It is not for me, your Honour," came the reply, "to fathom the inscrutable workings of Providence."

On another occasion a judge came out on top. A young counsel who had begun his speech, "The unfortunate client on whose behalf I appear..."

was interrupted by Lord Ellenborough, who told him, "You may go on, sir. So far, the court is with you."

The courteous demolition job has a respectable ancestry. It was Dr. Johnson who said of someone: "Ella mother, under the pretence of keeping a bawdy house, was a receiver of stolen goods."

Benjamin Jowett, the famous Master of Balliol, once addressed a student with whom he was very friendly.

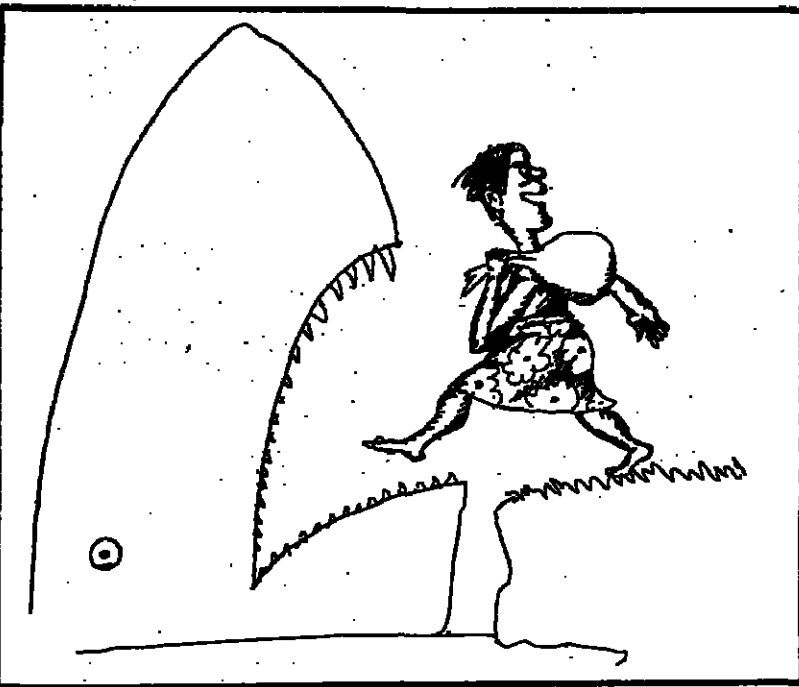
"What you have done, sir, is to be gravely offensive to me and most displeasing to God."

The stiletto has never been used with more delicate precision than in Lord Balfour's description of a type of acquaintance with whom we are all familiar. "He pursues me," Balfour said, "with a malignant fidelity."

THE MANTLE of these august

With Prejudice/Alex Berlyne

The courteous demolition job



"May the thief be eaten by the white shark." (Samoan curse).

gentlemen has fallen on one or two of our contemporaries. Clive James, the TV critic of the "Observer," recently described an interview with the painter Francis Bacon as "a rare occurrence and on this showing not rare enough."

A young contender, rapidly overhauling him, is still a student. Rory Kelly, in a memorable "Sunday Times" article some time ago questioned the basis of the current campaign by British writers to be compensated for their books being borrowed from public libraries.

"Many professional writers," Kelly suggested, "receive a reward grossly in excess of their merits, even if this does not amount to living wage."

It is fair to take your breath away, in damnable Kelly's hand, the Pen is mightier than the Flamethrower.

Many of these piranhas of the spoken word are mere amateurs, like the fellow I know who gravely complimented a blushing waitress.

"Time has been kind to you," he told her. "You don't appear to have aged at all since you took my order."

IN HIS "CURSES" (Hawthorn-Tarner), Steve Allen laments the decline of this once flourishing art form. "Drop dead" can't begin to compete with the rich images of ancient curses and the vigour of ethnic ones," Steve Allen writes, expressing the hope that his anthology will "bring cursing back to the artistic and literary level it once enjoyed."

I turned at once to page 27, "The Jewish Verbal Weapon," which takes the reader at a brisk trot through Biblical curses until we come to the Yiddish variety where we can kick off our shoes and relax, so to speak.

Many of the Yiddish classics are so exaggeratedly violent that they are unintentionally funny: "Your intestines should boil like a samovar"; "You should become

pregnant with toothpicks"; "Corns should grow on your nose." "Gai grub chrain" (You should dig horseshoes), or touchingly reveal the essential function of cursing as a safety valve: "Mein izores of dein kop" (My troubles should be on your head).

Next to the Jews, the gypsies and the Irish are the most talented performers. Steve Allen gives the original Gypsy's Curse and a number of Irish ones, which run away with the Prize for Sheer Poetry as far as I am concerned. "May she marry a ghost," one goes "and bear him a kitten and may the high king of glory permit it to get the mange."

The Clancy Brothers often perform an old song which curses the British in various metaphors. However, today's permissive society, unacquainted with Irish leprechauns, would probably misunderstand the lines: "May every old fairy from Cork to Dunleary / dip him snug and airy in river or lake / where the eel and the trout may dine on the smout of the monster that murdered Nell Flaherty's Drake."

Steve Allen's most important contribution to the proceedings is his Do-it-yourself curse for all occasions which he prints in tabular form: "May your (part of body) never (verb) but may it (unpleasant verb) (period of time) until your (organ of elimination) (unpleasant verb) at (unpleasant location)!"

FOR ADVANCED students I would like to recommend "The Insult Dictionary: How to be abusive in five languages" (Wolfe).

Described as a new weapon for English-speaking tourists abroad, it is divided into groups of insults suitable for various situations: In the Bus ("Kindly breathe your garlic over somebody else"); In the Restaurant ("That fly looks extremely well-cooked"); At the Grocer's ("Do you charge extra for the rust on these tins?");

At the cinema ("The undoubted 'All-purpose Insults,' which abound in terms like 'repulsive,' 'evil-smelling,' 'layabout,' 'Widerlicher Lump,' 'Bespugnant voyou,' 'Bibbante vagabondo puzzolente,' 'Ronsone').

It becomes abundantly clear that the expressiveness and the sheer malice of Italian put it streets ahead of other languages. *scipuro, sottone into, stupido, schimione: farabutto, sciacchiere incoerente.* It calls for the chorus of La Scala. Perhaps our cabinet meetings should be conducted in Italian?

Bridging a lost culture

By SOPHIE KAHN
Special to The Jerusalem Post

SALEM HAMED AL HAWATH is a Beduin shepherd from southern Sinai. He is also the first sculptor to emerge from the desert for centuries.

Salem made his first contact with modern life when he came to Tel Aviv earlier this month to exhibit his art work at the annual Art Fair in Sderot Chen. It took him three days and nights to make his way from his tribal encampment in the shadow of Mount Sinai, loaded down with his hewn sculptures.

In the special booth arranged for him, Salem began chipping away at a large piece of Sinai rock. He learned his craft, he said, from his grandfather, who used to make millstones.

Salem has a natural talent. His primitive style shows an affinity with early Assyrian motifs.

When asked if he knew about Moses and the two tablets of the Law, he replied: "I know about Musa the Great who carved in chalkstone in my region long, long before me." He added he knew of a tribe who possessed such tablets carved in ancient writing and who will not part with them as they are sacred.

Salem explained that he is an outcast from his tribe who fear he may bring the wrath of God upon them by creating images of humans and animals. They refuse to have his sculptures in their midst, fearing "the evil eye." As a result, Salem, who states that his family consists of a camel, a herd of sheep, four children and one wife, in that order, decided to continue sculpting elsewhere. "It comes from my stomach," is how he describes his obsession for stonework. Thus he often leaves his tribe, and goes to the mountainous area of Wadi Tabah — a half-day's walk away. There he has put up a tiny mudhouse where he creates his "images" in solitude.

The only sculptor among the 30,000 Beduin in southern Sinai, Salem was discovered by Eilat hotel-owner



Salem Hamed Al Hawath at the Tel Aviv Art Fair.

Ben-Zion Spector in 1967. Soon after the Six Day War, Spector was asked to scout out suitable locations for resort villages in the Sinai. During one of his treks, he found Salem herding his sheep in Wadi Firan and carving a mountain goat out of a huge piece of calcified rock with the aid of a sharp flintstone. Against the ageless desert backdrop, Salem's stone-age technique fascinated Spector. There was an innocent beauty and eloquence in the primitive sculptured animal. Spector promised the shepherd to bring him a chisel and a hammer to make the work easier. The promise was kept and the two men have been friends ever since. The Israeli bought some sculptures from Salem, who had never dreamed the stones could be sold.

Six months ago, Spector exhibited some of Salem's work in an Eastern Fair he organized in his Eilat Caravan Hotel. A visiting American professor of anthropology acquired several pieces for his university museum since he considered them a rare find of authentic primitive art bridging thousands of years of lost Sinaic civilization.

Friendly with most of the southern Sinai tribes, Spector persuaded Salem's tribal chieftain — without whose approval nothing can be done — to let Salem go to Tel Aviv as the Beduin's cultural representative. The sheik consented despite his disapproval of sculpture and sent Salem on his way with his blessings and a gift for Tel Aviv's Mayor Lahat: a Beduin abayah and akaki.

Brilliant playing

BRIDGE
GEORGE LEVINREW

Frydich and Shaufel of Israel's national team are exceptionally modest in reporting their exploits at the bridge table. We are, therefore, most grateful to Tannah Hirsch for calling to our attention a brilliant play by Shaufel in the match against France at the recent World Bridge Olympiad.

NORTH (Chernia)
♠ Q 8 6
♥ K 8 5
♦ A K J 5 3
♣ 9 4

WEST (Frydich)
♠ 5
♥ A J 10 9 8
♦ Q 10 6
♣ Q 10 7 6

EAST (Shaufel)
♠ K 10 9 4 2
♥ 7 5
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K 6 2

SOUTH (D) (Lebel)
♠ J 7 3
♥ Q 7 4 3 2
♦ A J 8 3
♣ 4

The bidding:
South Pass 10
North 10
1NT 3NT

Opening lead: the jack of hearts. This is one of those three-no-trump deals where declarer is uncertain where his ninth trick will come from. So it is necessary to proceed trick by trick, looking for the winning loophole.

Declarer won the first trick with the heart king, and the second with the spade jack. He then finessed with the diamond jack, won two top diamonds, and gave a fourth diamond lead to East. Shaufel played a club, which West

won with the ten. It would do no good now for West to win a trick with the heart ace, for this would give declarer the four additional tricks he needed: the heart queen, the established diamond, and the two black aces. So West returned a club, on which East played the king, which was allowed to hold the trick.

This was the end position:
NORTH
♠ A Q 8
♥ 5
♦ 5
♣ —

WEST
♠ A 10 9
♥ Q 7
♦ Q 7
♣ —

EAST
♠ K 10 9 4
♥ —
♦ —
♣ 6

It might seem normal now for East to play a club, but see what would happen. Declarer would win and play a spade, ducking with the eight in dummy. East would now have to lead a spade into the A Q, giving South his con-

tract. East, therefore, led the spade king!!! Declarer had no way to reach his ace of clubs. Two more tricks were needed to set the contract, and either West would make them in hearts or East would take them in spades.

MORE ON CONVENTIONS

In the bridge column of May 19 we opened the subject of conventions. I believe there is a need to limit or prohibit some conventions. For example, in some duplicate games in Israel, an opening psychic bid in first or second position is prohibited. When such is the ruling, is there a significant difference between a psychic bid unrelated to a system and a psychic bid which is an integral part of a system? In the latter instance, to prohibit the psychic may negate the system as a whole.

Who in Israel governs the use of conventions? What is the responsibility of the local sports captain? of the local sports committee of each branch of the Israel Bridge Federation? of the national sports committee? The players need clarification on all this.

A recent book by Amalya Kearsa, entitled "Bridge Conventions Complete," lists some 600 conventions. I have been advised that this book is being revised to include additional conventions. With such a wealth, which can be confusing to many players, some controls are highly desirable. Comments are invited.

LODZIA TEES OFF

By Marja Woiska/Jerusalem Post Reporter



Two of Lodzia's new Tricoli T-shirt collection for women and men — in cotton, the only sensible summer fibre.

working-girl uniform in New York, even at such places as "Vogue" magazine. Only then it was in black — for the un-airconditioned Manhattan summer — and worn with a string of pearls.

From that demure look, the T-shirt has turned into a frenzied medium whose messages are considered pertinent by the young. They might wish to announce on their chests such thoughts as "Sweet It Out." Wordless messages include charming flowers and big printed numbers.

Even women who have never thought in T-shirt terms, and whose tops are not for taking, will find admiringly looking at Lodzia's T-shirts. One, which would go beautifully with long summer skirts, has a V-neck with a lace insert. This brings us a long way from the original meaning of the T-shirt — from the letter T, according to Webster's. Today's halters, for instance, bear a much closer resemblance to the Hebrew "shim."

You are urged to wear these newest tees close to the body, and they are sized accordingly. This is not always a good idea and it depends, of course, on the body. Nor is a tight fit very smart for keeping cool. (Just consider what is happening around the waist of the girl in the blue jeans in this photograph. By my calculations, she has nine layers around her middle, at the belt-loop areas.) Sizes are small, medium, large in men's and women's wear; some extra-large for men. The largest women's size equals the smallest men's (if only this were always true), which offers a further reason to investigate the men's.

Small stripes are big. Colours are bright — blazing red, brilliant blue, also bright greens and oranges. The entire range is designed by Lodzia's City Fisher, and available at Ata shops, Hamashbir LaZarban, Kol Bo Shalom Stores, and many stores throughout the country. Prices for the women's styles, IL25 to IL60; men's, IL50 to IL80; and children's, IL25 to IL42.

Training the handicapped

By Ernie Meyer/Jerusalem Post Reporter

ISRAEL'S largest vocational rehabilitation centre was opened this week by Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer. Situated in the Talpiot industrial zone of Jerusalem, the centre is equipped to handle 125 trainees at a time, and plans to train 300 a year. Of the IL5m. for the institution's establishment, IL2m. was contributed by an English donor who prefers to remain anonymous.

The centre takes up its work where the medical rehabilitation of an invalid ends. Its clients are accident victims who have lost the use of both legs or hands; reformed alcoholics and drug addicts; the blind and the deaf, cerebral palsy victims, the regarded and even victims of mental illness.

The first step taken by the centre is to assess its clients' remaining potential for productive work. It then trains them and finally helps them find work in industry. For those who cannot work in open society, the centre maintains a small sheltered workshop.

Another group of clients comprises invalids capable of working, but unable to leave their homes. For these there is a "cottage industry" type of programme for work done at home. All this sounds very simple, but it is not so in fact. Aside from technical training, an important part of the centre's work is the inculcation of regular work habits in some categories of handicapped and restoring self-confidence to those suddenly finding themselves disabled.

What first strikes one about the 1,500 sq.m. building is that it is indistinguishable from any other factory in the industrial zone. And that is exactly what the planners wanted. The centre was placed in the midst of small factories and workshops for a twin purpose. Firstly, the planners wanted their clients to accustom themselves to spending their day in an atmosphere of normal work and industry. Secondly, it was intended that employees in the zone become acquainted with the centre, and become educated to the work potential of its inmates.

Employers are generally appreciative of the handicapped who usually make conscientious and loyal workers.

The only feature that distinguishes the white, one-floor building from surrounding workshops is the wheelchair-ramp leading to its wide entrance door. In its first section the invalid is tested for his work potential. After psychologists, social workers and physiotherapists have determined the type of work he is suitable for, he is promoted to the second section, where the actual training takes place.

A client's stay at the centre — work hours are the regular 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. — may vary from two months to a year. Training an individual runs to approximately IL1,500 a month.

The new rehabilitation institution replaces the Ministry's small workshop in Rehov Koreish, and is one of seven units to be established throughout the country this year.

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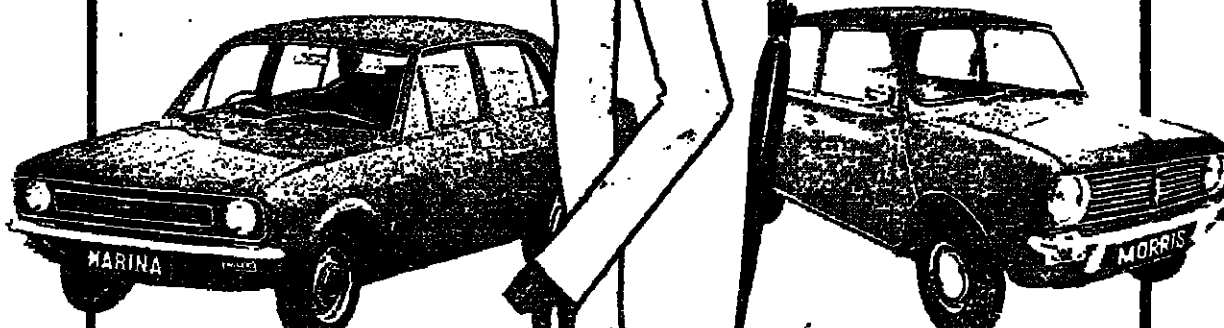
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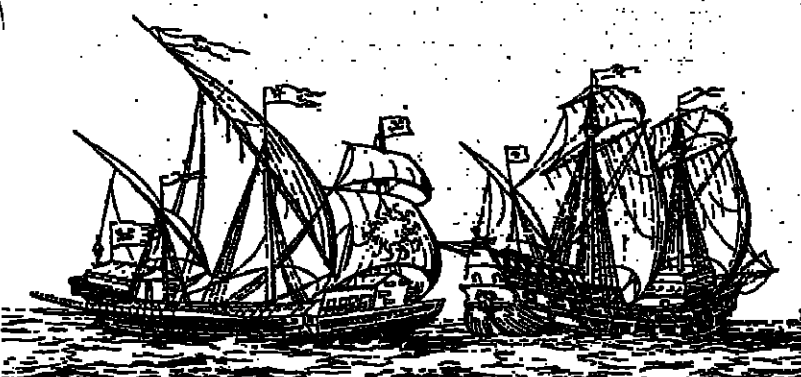
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PLACING OTHELLO IN HIS TIMES

By David Brauner / Special to The Jerusalem Post

"HE WAS NOT of an age, but for all time!" So wrote Ben Jonson of Shakespeare, but despite this infinite tribute to "an imagination all compact," in many ways Shakespeare was of his age and wrote for his age. Often all that was needed to acquaint his audience with the time and place of the action was a word or a line. Today his more abstruse allusions simply pass us by.

Take, for example, "Othello" which the New Shakespeare Company is now presenting to Israeli audiences. Act I, Scene III opens with reports of "A Turkish fleet, and bearing up to Cyprus" (1.8). The Ottomans, in alliance with the dreaded and highly organized pirates of Barbary, presented a very real threat to Europe throughout the 16th century. Though largely dispelled by the time "Othello" was first staged (November 11, 1604), it was still fresh in the minds of Shakespeare's audience.

From 1522, when the Turks pried the Knights Hospitallers from their island fortress of Rhodes, to 1571 when the forces of Islam limped away from the monumental naval battle of Lepanto (Zepanto), to all lovers of "Don Quixote" and in fact where Cervantes lost the use of his left hand "to the greater glory of my right," the Mediterranean was both the arena and the prize. What all is to today, the Mediterranean was to 16th century Europe. An open and safe sea route meant a constant flow of luxury goods from the East into Europe and a ready market in the East for European manufactured products. England, because of its geographical and religious position, never directly entered the lists of Mediterranean naval warfare, except to prey on any left-overs. "The English," commented one observer of the day, "would be a fine and raiseworthy race if they were not given to robbing ships of Christian merchants." By Christian he meant Roman Catholic.

Seeking to associate Othello with the infidel menace, Iago says to Brabantio, Desdemona's father, "...you'll have your daughter covered with a Barbary horse, you'll have your nephews neigh to you, you'll have coursers for cousins, and kennels for Germans." He thus compares Othello to an Arabian steed, and suggests that Brabantio's grandsons will whinny to him (with a play on the words "neigh" and "nay," that is, they will be nothing to him, he will disown them), he'll have coursers, meaning war horses or chargers, for relatives (again punning on "cousers" and "cousars," i.e., pirates, especially Barbary pirates), and kennels, a breed of mail Moorish horses, for kinsmen. Iago's puns doubtless produced rufaws among the groundlings.

The reported "Turkish fleet" would have been a squadron of oar-driven galleys which, contrary to popular opinion, did not go out of style with the fall of Rome, but lasted well into the early 18th century, as Victor Hugo's Jean Valjean attests. In the 16th century the war galley reached its high-water mark. My letters say a hundred and seven galleys" (I II 2). The galley was more manoeuvrable than sailing craft; more dependable, being independent of the lacustral wind conditions of the Mediterranean; and, leaving little water, eminently suited to coastal raiding and sieges in fortified port cities (cf. I II 130).

BY TODAY'S standards galleys were not up to much. In a 65-metre long Venetian galley of 170 tons displacement with a complement of 350 men, each of the 150 rowing oarsmen at out an estimated 1/4 horsepower, a total driving force of less than 19 p.p. Cruising speed was approximately three knots and dash speed, seven knots, but this could only be maintained for about 20 minutes. Oarsmen, with the exception of those on Spanish and Maltese galleys, were not slaves, but overtime soldiers who were paid for their services and shared in the booty.

Mr. Hoeffler defines the ICRC role in Lebanon as backing up local relief bodies. It works closely with the Lebanese Red Cross, the Palestinian Red Crescent and a government relief committee. But these bodies are unable to

operate in many areas. So the ICRC delegation, in addition to distributing supplies, is earmarked for local organizations, is directly involved in relief efforts. There is an ICRC field hospital in one of the poorest districts of the capital, and ICRC medical teams are trying to assess relief needs in the north and east of the country, where many villages are cut off from neighbouring areas by the battle-lines.

Mr. Hoeffler says potential international donors might be wary of sending aid while security conditions remain precarious. "Certainly we have had our problems," he said. "We have had one employee kidnapped and four cars stolen." But after one ICRC aid consignment had been looted, the delegation protested to the warring factions, and since then there has been no other attempt.

There are problems with the internationally-recognized insignia of the ICRC in a war when religious fanaticism often flares. In the north, this problem has been solved by designing a new symbol in which cross and crescent are combined, whilst in Beirut most of the consignment's cars travel unmarked.

IN RECOUNTING his life's history to the Duke and senate, Othello speaks "Of being taken by the insolent foe/And sold to slavery, of my redemption thence..." (I II 137-8). If Othello had been taken to Algiers, he would not have been treated as cruelly as one might imagine. There, the local bagines were only locked at night. Slaves were given three hours of freedom daily, and no work was done on Friday. However, they were not given food on that day, and were expected to steal it. They also enjoyed religious freedom; there were two synagogues in Algiers and church services were available.

Among the most famous of the Algerian slaves was Shakespeare's great contemporary, Miguel de Cervantes (1547-1616), who was held in captivity for five years after being captured at sea in 1576. Until his family finally ransomed him, his numerous attempts at escape and his manly bearing made him the Papillon of his days. Written accounts by English sailors of the period, who were fortunate enough to have escaped, indicate that an Elizabethan audience would have heard first hand of the conditions Othello referred to.

In Othello's day, Cyprus was still a colony of Venice, which was essentially a naval and mercantile power. But because of its greater distance from Venice than from the Sublime Port of Constantinople and because of Venice's chronic shortage of manpower, Cyprus had always been difficult to man and supply. In 1570 Cyprus was overrun by the Turk, and ever since the Turkish influence has been strong.

After Act III, by which time Othello's soldierly exploits and solid virtues are fully established by means of historical reference, Shakespeare no longer permits history to interfere with his drama, and neither should we.

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SWISS-ISRAEL TRADE BANK LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975

	December 31, 1974	December 31, 1975
CASH IN HAND AND BALANCES WITH THE BANK OF ISRAEL AND BANKING INSTITUTIONS	IL. 11,792,283	IL. 36,035,564
SECURITIES		
Debt securities of the Government of Israel	2,419,541	625,865
Other debt securities	33,427	1,428
Shares	3,839	40,268
	2,456,807	677,561
LOANS AND BILLS DISCOUNTED		
Less provision for doubtful debts	8,138,304	8,620,270
Loans and bills discounted	2,836,891	2,388,488
Loans out of deposits for granting of loans	10,995,195	11,008,758
	1,520,765	1,280,172
OTHER ACCOUNTS		
TENANCY RIGHTS, IMPROVEMENTS IN RENTED PREMISES, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER PROPERTY	492,513	187,330
LIABILITIES OF CUSTOMERS (see notes)		
Documentary credits	525,000	579,450
Guarantees and other liabilities	7,170,877	7,275,957
	7,695,877	7,855,407
	34,911,755	57,044,792

The notes to the Financial Statements form an integral part thereof.

	December 31, 1974	December 31, 1975
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS		
Share Capital - issued and paid-up	9,996,000	7,500,000
Surplus	225,710	290,877
	10,331,710	7,790,877
DEPOSITS		
Current deposits	3,351,782	3,605,043
Time and saving deposits	5,342,816	6,826,999
Deposits and loans from banking institutions	2,888,604	27,000,000
	11,583,202	37,432,042
DEPOSITS FOR GRANTING OF LOANS		
Government deposits	2,285,458	1,136,501
Deposits and loans from Bank of Israel	858,754	1,140,321
	3,144,212	2,276,822
OTHER ACCOUNTS		
	2,156,754	1,689,644
LIABILITIES ON ACCOUNT OF CUSTOMERS (See notes)		
Documentary credits	525,000	579,450
Guarantees and other liabilities	7,170,877	7,275,957
	7,695,877	7,855,407
	34,911,755	57,044,792

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Dr. I. GOLDENBERG
DIRECTOR: A. FRIEDMAN
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MANAGING DIRECTOR: R. POLLAK

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975

	1974	1975
OPERATING INCOME		
Interest on loans and bills discounted	2,488,100	1,844,797
Interest on deposits with Bank of Israel and banking institutions	739,695	692,924
Interest on debentures approved for investment (including linkage increments)	743,772	116,034
Other income (net) from operations in securities	140,649	105,179
Commissions, exchange differences (net) and other income	937,883	1,381,140
	5,050,099	4,140,064
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Interest on deposits, savings and loans	923,767	700,467
Commissions	1,359	2,288
Provision for doubtful debts	80,000	740,000
Salaries and related expenses	2,156,353	1,811,401
Occupancy of premises, rent	233,805	133,390
Depreciation of premises, equipment, installations and other assets (including amortization of goodwill rights)	37,706	37,469
Other expenses	995,276	575,083
	4,428,266	4,000,098
Operating profit before taxes on income	621,833	139,966
Provision for taxes on operating profit:		
For previous year	300,000	80,000
For current year	275,000	80,000
	575,000	80,000
Net Profit for the Year After Provision for Taxes on Income	46,833	59,966

The notes to the Financial Statements form an integral part thereof.

STATEMENT OF EARNED SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975

	1974	1975
Surplus at beginning of year -		
As per financial report	290,877	2,911
General reserve at beginning of year	-	150,000
Surplus reserve at beginning of year	-	80,000
	290,877	232,911
Net profit for the year	46,833	59,966
	337,710	292,877
Final dividend		
5% on Preference Shares - gross	2,000	2,000
Surplus at ending of year	335,710	290,877

The notes to the Financial Statements form an integral part thereof.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Preparation of the financial statements
The financial statements were drawn up in accordance with "instructions for preparing financial statements for trading banks".

b. Foreign currency and linkage

Assets other than securities, and liabilities in foreign currency and those which are linked, are included as follows:

- "In foreign currency or linked thereto - according to the rates of exchange in force on the date of the Balance Sheet. In the account year, the Government decided on a policy of "devaluation in stages" of the Israeli Lira. As a result the rate of exchange of the Israeli Lira has been changed during the year from I.L.A. = U.S.\$1. - to I.L.7.10 = U.S.\$1. - (1974: I.L.4.20 = U.S.\$1. - to I.L.6. - = U.S.\$1. -).
- Those which are linked to the cost of living index - according to the latest index released before the date of the balance sheet.
- Linkage differences and interest on assets and liabilities are included under the appropriate balance sheet headings. The surplus arising from the adjustment of assets and liabilities in foreign currency to the rates of exchange at balance sheet date was included in the statement of profit and loss under "Commissions, exchange differences (net) and other income". Income and expenses in foreign currency were included in the statement of profit and loss at current rates of exchange.

c. Securities

1. Government Debentures approved for investment - included at cost plus accrued income (see hereunder). These debentures were acquired for investment purposes, not for trading, and will be redeemed at their nominal value plus accrued linkage differences and interest.

2. Government debentures and other debentures
These debentures have been included at cost plus accrued income or market, whichever is lower (for each debenture separately).

3. Shares

Quoted shares have been stated at cost or market whichever is lower; other shares have been stated at cost which does not exceed management's valuation. "Accrued income" means linkage increments and interest earned since acquisition.

d. Tenancy Rights, improvements in rented premises, equipment and other property

These assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization is calculated by the straight line method at regular rates.

e. Service tax

Service tax has been included in the statement of profit and loss as follows:

The portion levied on salaries - in other expenses.
The portion levied on income - in provision for taxes on income.
The provision for service tax is calculated at 7% (1974: 5%).

2. CASH IN HAND AND BALANCE WITH THE BANK OF ISRAEL AND BANKING INSTITUTIONS

Previous year included a time deposit in the amount of U.S. Dollars 4,000,000. (I.L. 24,000,000) which was received from a foreign bank. This deposit was not available for releasing purposes and was deposited in a foreign bank.

3. SECURITIES

Composition:

	December 31, 1975	December 31, 1974
	Amount in Balance Sheet	Amount in Bal. Sheet
	IL.	IL.
Government debentures approved for investment unquoted	1,138,283	635,865
Other securities quoted -		
Government debentures	1,281,258	1,303,063
Other debentures	33,427	33,800
Shares	1,843	2,203
	1,316,528	1,339,066
Unquoted -		
Shares of subsidiaries	1,996	1,996
	2,456,807	677,561

Government debentures and other debentures include interest and linkage differences as follows:

	December 31	1975	1974
		IL.	IL.
Government debentures approved for investment		575,056(*)	135,796
Other debentures		338,546	-
Unquoted Government debentures approved for investment (Compulsory loans) are not negotiable.			

(*) Includes prior years adjustments.

4. BANK OF ISRAEL

	December 31	1975	1974
		IL.	IL.
Deposits in Israeli currency with the Bank of Israel in connection with the fund for financing of exports are included in "Cash in Hand and Balances with Bank of Israel and Banking Institutions"		229,582	225,607
Credit from the Bank of Israel for financing of exports is included in "Deposits and Loans from Bank of Israel for granting of loans"		835,071	1,116,638
Other credit from the Bank of Israel is included in "Deposits and loans from Bank of Israel"		23,683	23,683

In connection with rediscounting at the Bank of Israel, the Bank has deposited bills with the Bank of Israel, in accordance with the conditions laid down by it.

5. SHARE CAPITAL

Composition:

	December 31	1975	1974
		IL.	IL.
Authorized share capital		29,960,000	9,960,000
Ordinary shares of IL.1.-		40,000	40,000
5% cumulative preference shares of IL.1.-		30,000,000	10,000,000
Issued and paid-up			
Ordinary Shares		40,000	40,000
5% cumulative Preference Shares		40,000	40,000
Balance as at January 1, 1974		6,960,000	40,000
Bonus shares (Ordinary shares) allotted in 1974		500,000	-
Balance as at December 31 1974		7,460,000	40,000
Shares issued for cash		2,496,000	-
Balance as at December 31, 1975		9,956,000	40,000

On January 31, 1976 a deposit of U.S. \$400,000, which has been received from a foreign bank matured. On the same date the bank received a deposit in the same amount from its shareholders which is earmarked for conversion into paid-up share capital on June 14, 1976.

6. DEPOSITS AND LOANS FROM BANKING INSTITUTIONS

See note 2 above.

7. SEVERANCE PAY

The provisions for severance pay included in "other accounts" under liabilities, together with managers' assurance policies cover the liabilities for severance pay to its employees above the regular amount pursuant to the change in the ownership of the bank. The said additional provision amounting to IL. 200,000 was charged to "Salaries and related expenses". Monies equivalent to the severance pay provision except IL. 200,000 have been deposited with an insurance company and an approved severance fund are included in "other accounts" under assets. Accrued interest and linkage differences which have been accumulated in the severance funds, amounting to IL. 225,491 in the account year (1974 - IL. 278,229) are included in the income under "commissions, exchange differences (net) and other income" and in the expenses under "salaries and related expenses".

8. INTEREST ON LOANS AND BILLS DISCOUNTED

Income from interest on loans and bills discounted does not include interest amounting to IL. 326,535 which has been charged during the year on doubtful loan balances.

9. OTHER EXPENSES

This item includes IL. 85,000 (1974 - IL. 54,000) - the portion of service tax which is levied on salaries paid.

10. TAXES ON INCOME

a. The provision for taxes on income includes IL. 65,000 (1974 - IL. 6,000) - the portion of service tax which is levied on the income.

b. Income tax assessments have been issued to the bank up to and including the year 1970.

11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On February 1976 the bank paid IL. 330,001 as additional key money for the rented premises held by the bank according to an agreement with the landlord as a result of the change in the ownership of the bank.

12. STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 107(5) OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE

The Subsidiary Companies had neither profits nor losses in the year 1975.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF SWISS-ISRAEL TRADE BANK LIMITED

We have examined the Balance Sheet of Swiss-Israel Trade Bank Limited as at December 31, 1975 and the Statement of Profit and Loss and Earned Surplus for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, which include those prescribed in the Auditors (Mode of Performance) Regulations, 1971, and accordingly we have applied such auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the abovementioned Financial Statements present fairly, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, the financial position

of the Bank as at December 31, 1975 and the results of the operations of the Bank for the year then ended.

Pursuant to Section 109 of the Companies Ordinance, we state that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required and that our opinion on the Financial Statements is given according to the best of our information and the explanations received by us and as shown by the books of the Bank.

ALMAGOR & CO.
Certified Public Accountants (Ist)

Tel-Aviv, March 28, 1976

No donations for Lebanon

BEIRUT - The head of the International Red Cross delegation here as decried the low level of aid provided by the international community for the organization's relief operations in strife-torn Lebanon.

Swiss-born Jean Hoeffler said in an interview that only two million Swiss francs (about IL6.2m.) have been donated so far. This was far below estimated needs.

"In most major conflicts like this," Mr. Hoeffler noted, "we can also see enough money in only a few days for a relief operation lasting months. But somehow people aren't interested in Lebanon."

Some 20,000 people have died during the 13-month-long civil war. A recent estimate put at 20,000 the number of people who face famine due to the cutting of supply lines. Similar numbers are homeless.

The Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has estimated that basic relief needs in Lebanon require over 13 million Swiss francs (about IL6.2m.).

Mr. Hoeffler defines the ICRC role in Lebanon as backing up local relief bodies. It works closely with the Lebanese Red Cross, the Palestinian Red Crescent and a government relief committee. But these bodies are unable to

operate in many areas. So the ICRC delegation, in addition to distributing supplies, is earmarked for local organizations, is directly involved in relief efforts. There is an ICRC field hospital in one of the poorest districts of the capital, and ICRC medical teams are trying to assess relief needs in the north and east of the country, where many villages are cut off from neighbouring areas by the battle-lines.

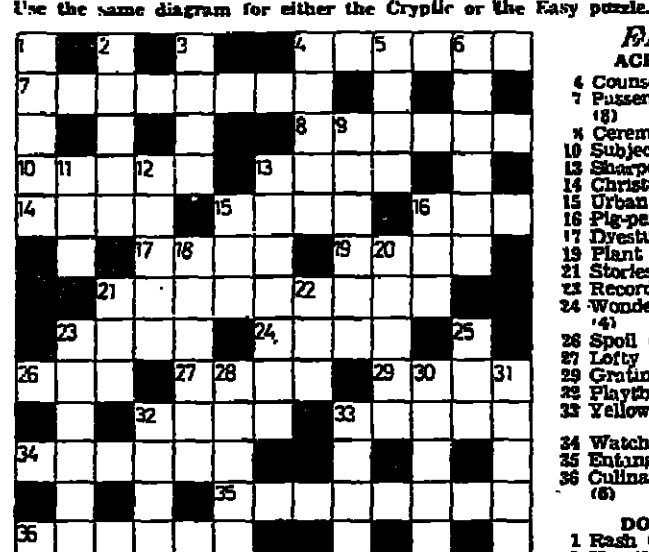
Mr. Hoeffler says potential international donors might be wary of sending aid while security conditions remain precarious. "Certainly we have had our problems," he said. "We have had one employee kidnapped and four cars stolen." But after one ICRC aid consignment had been looted, the delegation protested to the warring factions, and since then there has been no other attempt.

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- Old family of medicine makers (6)
 - Arriving at a state of consciousness (6, 2)
 - Home brewing accessory (3, 3)
 - Order half-hose for the over-weight (5)
 - In which to vote porridge (4)
 - Land of the pure? (4)
 - Area in which to back a dry (4)
 - Good seat in the enclosure (3)
 - River and South African farm centre (4)
 - Pitcher always out West (4)
 - Non fat-consuming fishes (4, 5)
 - Turn into a little one (4)
 - Roaming over (4)
 - A determined group of people (3)
 - Admits snow has drifted (4)
 - Parish (4)
 - Friendly country (5)
 - Something to bear transference (4)
 - Spent time from school (8)
 - Material to dry and mend (6)

- DOWN
- Pick up as exclusive (5)
 - Colorful character (5)
 - Is bent on showing respect (4)
 - Drive Tom over to the work (5)
 - Place of business (4)
 - Plant in a sheltered position (5)
 - Old man and berries? (6)
 - Rocky piece of furniture (3)
 - Statewoman who wore wigs (5)
 - Shous one (5)
 - Shous men, albeit noisy (7)



EASY PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- Counsel (6)
 - Passenger plane (5)
 - Ceremony (5)
 - Subject (5)
 - Sharpen (4)
 - Christmas (4)
 - Urbane (4)
 - Pigpen (3)
 - Plant (4)
 - Stories (9)
 - Record (4)
 - Wonderstruck (4)
 - Spill (3)
 - Lafayette (4)
 - Crafting (4)
 - Playing (4)
 - Yellowish-grey colour (5)
 - Watch-chain (5)
 - Entombed (8)
 - Culinary mixture (5)
- DOWN
- Heartless (5)
 - Not pre-recorded (5)
 - Shift (5)
 - Elect (4)
 - Virtuous (6)
 - Inborn (5)
 - Warm embrace (5)
 - Change (5)
 - Canoeists' bag (4-3)
 - Method (5)
 - Muscular twitch (5)
 - Distress signal (5)
 - Flower secretion (3)
 - Narrow shelf (5)
 - Atmosphere (3)
 - Nocturnal bird (5)
 - Flower (6)
 - Exemplary (3)
 - Not mistaken (5)
 - Actions (5)
 - Throb (4)
 - Drink (4)

Monday's Cryptic solution

ACROSS—1. Carter, 1. Official, 2. Wagon, 3. G-Hab, 4. Scrape, 14. R-Sol, 15. Hoses, 17. Bows, 19. B-Sol, 21. Cover, 22. F-Sol, 23. Cash, 24. F-Sol, 25. B-Sol, 26. B-Sol, 27. B-Sol, 28. B-Sol, 29. B-Sol, 30. B-Sol, 31. B-Sol, 32. B-Sol, 33. B-Sol, 34. B-Sol, 35. B-Sol, 36. B-Sol, 37. B-Sol, 38. B-Sol, 39. B-Sol, 40. B-Sol, 41. B-Sol, 42. B-Sol, 43. B-Sol, 44. B-Sol, 45. B-Sol, 46. B-Sol, 47. B-Sol, 48. B-Sol, 49. B-Sol, 50. B-Sol, 51. B-Sol, 52. B-Sol, 53. B-Sol, 54. B-Sol, 55. B-Sol, 56. B-Sol, 57. B-Sol, 58. B-Sol, 59. B-Sol, 60. B-Sol, 61. B-Sol, 62. B-Sol, 63. B-Sol, 64. B-Sol, 65. B-Sol, 66. B-Sol, 67. B-Sol, 68. B-Sol, 69. B-Sol, 70. B-Sol, 71. B-Sol, 72. B-Sol, 73. B-Sol, 74. B-Sol, 75. B-Sol, 76. B-Sol, 77. B-Sol, 78. B-Sol, 79. B-Sol, 80. B-Sol, 81. B-Sol, 82. B-Sol, 83. B-Sol, 84. B-Sol, 85. B-Sol, 86. B-Sol, 87. B-Sol, 88. B-Sol, 89. B-Sol, 90. B-Sol, 91. B-Sol, 92. B-Sol, 93. B-Sol, 94. B-Sol, 95. B-Sol, 96. B-Sol, 97. B-Sol, 98. B-Sol, 99. B-Sol, 100. B-Sol, 101. 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PLO visiting card

YESTERDAY'S terrorist outrage at Ben-Gurion Airport will doubtless be dismissed by some PLO apologists overseas as the work of an unrepresentative "extremist" minority, and it will be seized upon by some others as further proof of the necessity of a dialogue with the "moderate" leadership. It will not, in any case, make much of a dent in the thick wall of apathy to the true nature and purpose of the murderous cabal which goes by the name of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Israelis, who are the prime targets of this cabal, should not treat lightly this latest attack — an attempted celebration, perhaps, of the fourth anniversary of the great Lod massacre? — as though it were merely another unfortunate incident. The assassins' progress has been much slower lately than they had reason to expect from their verbal victories in UN halls. Their forces are tied down in Lebanon killing off their own kith and kin. They may have needed some striking reminder, even for the benefit of their followers, that they are still around, as dedicated to homicide as ever, and firmly mired in pursuit of their well-known final solution.

The significance of their message should not be missed. The toll at Ben-Gurion yesterday could have been much higher but for the expert handling of the situation by the devoted security guards. But any loss of life is too much. Greater vigilance and sterner measures may be needed in the future to prevent the recurrence of such deadly visitations from abroad.

Hatikva and the law

THE JEWISH HAND which threw the hand-grenade at Jewish policemen on the outskirts of Tel Aviv's Hatikva quarter on Monday morning would not, one is naturally tempted to assume, have been raised against them a day later, when the reports from the nearby airport had come in. A vicious threat from the outside does tend to mitigate the ferocity of internal bickering.

But we can hardly be sure this time. For the instigators of the dreadful riot over the demolition of an unlawfully constructed warehouse, and their brutal minions, are the kind of people whose ears are deaf to pleas of domestic peace. They may not be exactly "a kind of a mafia," as Mayor Lahat somewhat unimaginatively labelled them, but they are certainly a dangerous bunch of rapacious hoods operating on the fringes of society.

They go about encouraging other persons to put up, under their own benevolent "protection," illegal buildings on public lands, expecting to draw huge profits for themselves from compensation paid by the city when the structures are torn down. And they go to any length to protect themselves against any attempt by the authorities to enforce the law without paying for it. They are only emboldened by evidence of riotous violence by other groups, Arab as well as Jewish.

Indeed they are a symptom of a widespread lawlessness which is threatening the very foundations of the civil — and even political — order. That lawlessness must be stamped out.

The question which the Mayor of Tel Aviv must, however, now ask himself is why the decent people of Hatikva quarter, by the hundreds, rushed out into the streets on Monday to support the "mafiosi" and to battle the police. Surely they could not conceive of any identity of interests with those parasites? Regrettably, it appears that they do.

For hemmed in as they are in this overcrowded old quarter — where endless petty building violations bear testimony to bulging families, years of municipal red tape and lack of housing opportunities elsewhere — the people of Hatikva view the enforcement of the law as a direct threat to their own welfare. What is done to the Hararis today, they figure, will be done to them all tomorrow.

To them, therefore, Mr. Lahat's chivalrous campaign appears as merely a fresh phase in the protracted struggle between the rich, Ashkenazi "north" and the poor, Sephardi "south," where "they" can perpetrate massive violations and go scot free while "we" are made the scapegoats — and are virtually booted from our own homes.

There is little chance that the deeply-felt grievances of these residents will be dissipated by the mere assertion that their suspicions of the Mayor are — as indeed they are — wholly misplaced. To allay their fears, equal justice must be done — and it must be shown to them to be done. And above all, the people of Hatikva — and of similar neighbourhoods all around the country — must be given, even in these hard times, a new hope for a better life. Without it, the maintenance of law and order would itself remain a hopeless prospect.

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DAVAR (Histadrut) questions the wisdom of the Tel Aviv municipality which appealed the extension given the owner of the warehouse, and then, after winning the appeal and after all the rioting and partial demolition of the building, went and gave the warehouse owner the same extension given him by the court in the first place.

"Under no circumstances, however, can the rioting be condoned. It was completely out of proportion to its ostensible cause."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) says that illegal building, especially in Tel Aviv, has reached disturbing proportions. It should have been prevented over the years by proper supervision. "We have now reached a situation whereby people feel free to use public land for their own purposes, as the feeling is that the authorities are powerless. There is no alternative but to put an end to this practice, which not only violates the law but seriously affects the city's planning."



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READERS' LETTERS

MORAL OUTRAGE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post:
Sir, — I wish to take issue with Lisa Abramovitch's remarks (May 6), which I find particularly sad, since they are shared by a great number of sincere supporters of Israel, but are borne of naïveté and a lack of historical perspective.

If returning the West Bank would, in any way, ensure a peace, Israel would have done so long ago. She must surely realize that the problem is more complex.

Fair, discerning and impartial observers have admitted that Israel's occupation of the West Bank has been one of the more admirable in history, particularly laudable when one considers that a majority of the local population is sympathetic to the P.L.O.'s extremist doctrines, as demonstrated in the recent elections.

When the West Bank, as part of sovereign Jordan, declared war on Israel in June 1967 (and doubtless would not have mourned its demise), it reasonably forfeited all its rights to the West Bank. The P.L.O., as the representative of Palestinian interests, is the literal destruction of the State of Israel, and their acquisition of a convenient platform from which to launch further terrorist raids on a geographically diminished, and less defensible Israel.

Professor S. Avineri wisely pointed out (April 29), that in origin the Arabs' basic motivation is neither territorial nor political, but that the essential factor in the conflict consists of the Moslem Arabs' refusal to accept an "alien," non-Islamic and non-Arab presence in the area. (Some would cite the fate of Iraqi Kurds and Lebanese Christians as illustrations of this phenomenon). It's an ethnically purist and religiously exclusive dogma, the racist aspects of which are more readily proven than such alleged features in Zionism.

However, it is not to deny the reality and significance of, for example, the territorial issues in their proper context, as matters to be negotiated by all parties in a final peace settlement. But by convincing the world — and even some ill-informed Zionists — that these "red herrings" comprise the essence of the problem in the area, the now acknowledged superiority of Arab propagandists is amply demonstrated.

Pressing as it does over the only democracy in the Middle East, the

Government of Israel, pressured from within by a passionate diversity of opinions, and externally by the complex demands of international diplomacy, greatly needs our intelligent, moral support. It can do without the emotive, uninformed "moral outrage" that plays into the welcoming hands of those who would prefer that Israel cease to be.

ARYEH FINKLESTEIN
Skokie, Illinois.

Sir, — Together with probably the preponderant majority of Jews in America, throughout the Diaspora, and Israel as well, we share the conviction of Lisa Abramovitch of Sweden (May 6) that Israel cannot and must not "bear the stigma" (and the moral and political pitfalls) of a power of occupation. "We are dismayed and distressed by the recently multiplying screaming headlines, appearing in our press, and more vividly on TV, like 'Israeli kill Arab girl in West Bank rioting.' (While an item from Beirut, "Fifty casualties reported; one hundred and fifty killed in twenty-four hours" appears in much smaller type on the first page, or is relegated to the remote interior of the newspaper.)

We are grieved, though not outraged, by the tragic accidents of military control of a hostile population. Not outraged, for we know full well that they are not the result of wanton acts or murderous intent of the Israeli Army, but are inevitable when an army is charged with the task of maintaining "law and order." But is there any security or political advantage in the Army control of the Arab heartland of the West Bank? Would it not be better to ring the "occupied territory" with military encampments and settlements along the outer periphery of the "territory" within Israel, as well as in a narrow strip along the western bank of the Jordan river? Such a military encirclement would effectively interdict the infiltration of PLO or other troops and heavy armaments into the West Bank, which is, after all, the main purpose of the occupation. Fortified checkpoints along the defence perimeter would permit to and fro movement for commercial and religious purposes. As to internal governance, the population of the West Bank could very well be left to its own devices.

Under such an arrangement, a) local disturbances could no longer be blamed on Israel; b) Kaddum et alia would be resolved with the removal of the army camps from within the area; c) trade-off advantages for peace negotiations will not be diminished.

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Los Angeles, California.

PUTTING THE HOUSE IN ORDER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post:
Sir, — While returning from a Pesach holiday in Yarnit last month, with two hitch-hiking soldiers in the car, I passed a sign indicating Nahal Kfar Darom. I commented aloud on how fitting it was that a settlement be re-established on the site of the original Kfar Darom, evacuated during the War of Independence.

The 19-year-old sabra soldier with me, a resident of Ashdod, just a few kilometres from Moshav Bnei Darom where the evacuees subsequently settled, told me that I must be mistaken. He was quite certain that this was a completely new settlement, on land which Jews had never possessed until "we conquered it from Egypt in the June 1967 war." Until that time, he asserted, this area was part of Egypt. Apparently he had never learned that, prior to 1948, there were Jewish settlements in the area on land bought with Jewish money, worked by Jewish hands, and defended, until overrun by Egyptian forces in 1948, by the spilling of much Jewish blood. Furthermore, he remained unmoved by my short discourse on modern

Jewish history when I deposited him at the entrance to Ashdod, convinced that, were my version correct, "we would have learned about it in school."

I would suggest that Mr. Yadin and the entire education establishment look closely to put its own house in order, here in Israel, before taking grand tours of the United States and making pious and pompous pronouncements about helping American Jewish education with its problems (April 22).

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VIEWPOINT

The proliferation of strikes has reached near-suicidal proportions, writes
ABE KRAMER. The only solution, he suggests, is compulsory arbitration.

THE STRIKE CURSE

IN THE LESS than six months that I have been a resident of Israel, I, along with the rest of the Israeli public, have endured a national bus strike, civil service strikes, port strikes, airline strikes, steel workers strikes, printers strikes, and the uncertainty and reality of a dozen others!

The strike weapon (I use the word advisedly) is a hard-won right, jealously-guarded by labour. It is as important to the worker's protection as a nation's military defences are vital to its security. But perhaps this right has been employed so indiscriminately that it has become a blight.

Israel is by no means the only country plagued by strikes. I remember vividly the frenetic bargaining — or non-bargaining — in the last weeks and days of every other year in New York City: the race against the New Year's eve midnight deadline when the transit workers' contract was due to expire, with the sword of Damocles threat of no transportation hanging over the public, millions of whom depended on the subways and buses for their livelihood. Too often the brinkmanship miscalculated: the contract died and the strike was born — and the public be damned!

I remember, too, garbage men's strikes in New York and other cities, when refuse piled up high in the streets for days and even weeks on end; teachers' strikes whose prime victims of course were the children; social workers' strikes, hospital workers' strikes, even a resident doctors' strike!

But the U.S. is one thing, Israel another. Here the epidemic has burgeoned into an intolerable, near-suicidal level. It is so acutely critical here because of the smallness of the country, the nature of its economy, and the ever-present, uncompromising security needs. Israel simply cannot cope with the consequences of endless labour strife.

How, for example, can we square certain recent occurrences with our friends and supporters abroad, with potential oil, with prospective investors?

Like the senseless situation at the steel foundry at Acre, where 60 tons of molten metal were dumped on the ground and the foundry closed down, thus causing a dispute in which a group of workers refused to go along with management efforts to improve efficiency and productivity at a plant that has been losing some TL3 million a month?

Or the periodic strikes and "sanctions" by handfulls of port workers which effectively tie up the operations at Haifa or Ashdod, or both at once, seriously choking off the commercial lifeblood of the country?

Or the incredible impasse in the civil service, where the Government tries to implement the Barkai Committee recommendation to eliminate the special allowances that have been given to one group of public employees, who thereupon promptly threaten to strike if that is done; while another, larger group of workers who have not been receiving the special allowances threaten to strike if it is not done!

This is the ultimate absurdity: here we have the Government — and the public — between the "have" Scylla and the "have-not" Charybdis, each extending its strike claws to — what else? — strike! Which they did — and the end to that situation is not yet.

This is beyond absurdity: it is an obscenity. Where does the original rationale of the strike fit in here? The strike instrument, created for the defence of labour, now hangs over the heads of all of us like the nuclear weapons which, instead of maintaining a mere balance of power, have created a balance of terror under which the whole world lives with more a sense of dread than security.

Economically stronger countries may be able to take beating after beating, weather the labour storms, and survive. In Israel, however, two major considerations can no longer be ignored. First, Israel's economy has never been in a state of normalcy or anything approaching solvency. We just cannot any longer tolerate the constant buffeting of labour conflicts that snarl the functioning of the country or any part of it.

Secondly, since the establishment of the State we have been in an emergency war situation. If the public's inconvenience is not an over-riding consideration, then certainly the security of the State must be. We cannot afford the luxury of internal strife that weakens the nation's fibre. Any weak link in the chain of strength holding back the forces that would destroy us can be fatal.

The merits of one side's case or the other's is a moot point. For the ironic thing is that these labour disruptions must be and are eventually resolved by some kind of negotiations or some

form of arbitration or decision. Why not before rather than after the disruption?

A strike is an extreme measure, a last resort. It resembles the eruption of violence in any dispute (for a strike is a form of violence) from a fist-fight in a bar-room to a war between nations. Even these latter are resolved in the end, after considerable harm has been done, by some form of peace-making, whether voluntary, or enforced by law, or arrived at by negotiation.

MUST WE conduct our economic affairs — which affect our social, political and security affairs — in the manner of drunken bar-room brawls or the ultimate form of irrationality war? If we have had wars thrust upon us, it has been because of others' irrationality which we could not control. But in our own affairs, surely we can do something to avoid letting our conflicts reach insane extremes.

It is high time, then, that Israel created some kind of machinery to settle labour disputes — a national compulsory arbitration system, eschewing the use of the strike, and agreed to and fully accepted by all concerned — workers, employers, the Government, Histadrut, cooperatives like Egged — as the final, authoritative decision-making body in all labour relations. This I am sure will have to be done eventually everywhere, but it is imperative that it be done here in this country now.

I am sure there is no worker in this land who would not lay his life on the line — as so many have done in the past — in defence of the country against attack from the outside. Is it too much to ask of him to subscribe to this principle of compulsory arbitration in order to protect his country against the deadly erosion from within?

Surely in this worker-oriented land, ruled from the first by a Labour Government (where one criticism in fact is that the worker is too well protected — but that is another subject), the worker need not fear that he has lost his protection if he lays aside his strike weapon. He may well feel a hundred times more secure than he does now.

"I do not claim to be an expert in labour relations; my field happens to be public relations," Mr. Kramer writes. "I offer these comments simply as the viewpoint of an immigrant from America who came here because he loves Israel and hopes to be able to stay."

FRIENDLY CONVERSATION

By EPHRAIM KISHON

tion between our two countries, I hope."

"Definitely. To the point of a virtual merger between the armed forces of our two Powers."

"If you like. And what about the Arabs?"

"The who?"

"The Arabs, our neighbours..."

"I say to hell with them and their stinking oil!"

"And the PLO?"

"Hoodlums."

"Thanks, Uncle Sam, that's more or less what I wanted to hear from you. I'm pleased to find we agree on every point. Mind if I publish the highlights of our little talk?"

"I not only don't mind, dear boy, I'd positively welcome it. And if possible before the Oregon primaries, please. Though certainly no later than noon on the 20th January."

"Why?"

"Because that is when the new U.S. President is sworn in, and then it'll only be a matter of minutes

before the burning problems of the region come up for review."

"Do you expect any significant changes to follow?"

"I dare say. Things like drastic cuts in our excessive economic and military aid, prompt withdrawal from all the occupied territories, recognition of the PLO, and the establishment of a free and independent Palestinian State."

"Where?"

"Right in your kishkes."

"You mean — an enforced settlement?"

"Yep. But only from noon of January 20 onwards. Up till then I'm exclusively concerned with moral commitments, and the supply of sophisticated goodies and U.N. vetoes as called for. Hallelujah!"

"I'm glad to hear it, Uncle Sam. I really don't know how to show my gratitude..."

"So long as you show it before the Oregon primaries."

"I'll try. And thanks again."

"Do mention it. And give my love to the folks at home."

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